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Artists share their love through exhibit



Reading the biographies of the artists at the ArtWorks Gallery last Saturday evening was Joy Linder, of Sutton. Linder, herself an artist, is a friend of Susan Pecora, whose work was on display at the event.



A watercolor painting by Susan Harris depicts a rental house on Wells Beach in Maine. Harris calls this work "Wells Little Marsh House."

By Lauretta R. St. George-Sorel
Correspondent

WARE – ArtWorks Gallery Director Loretta Medeiros, appropriately dressed for the Valentine-themed event in a vivid red jacket, greeted friends and art aficionados to the Workshop13's love-based display of art last Saturday evening at the Main Street gallery.

The art of several local artists was featured, including printed stories and comments that explained or offered insight into the artists' inspiration for creating each unique piece of art. The artists who were in attendance were delighted to answer questions about their work. A book at the front of the gallery included biographies of each of the artists, and several people perused the book to read about the artists' background.

Among the artists whose work was shown was Ware's own Susan Harris, whose art is inspired by her contacts with nature: oceans, forests, land and cityscapes. Following a career in banking, Harris is retired, devoting much of her time to painting, mainly in watercolor. Although she has also

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Turley Publications correspondent photos by Lauretta R. St. George-Sorel
Gary Lippincott, an artist whose work has been featured in prominent fantasy and science fiction publications, stands with one of his creations at the ArtWorks Gallery last Saturday evening. Lippincott's artwork has the style of old-fashioned craftsmanship often found in folk and fairy tales. His watercolor work, "A Fairy Love," was also on display at the event last Saturday evening.

Moratorium should mean talks only

Ad hoc regionalization group to be formed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – After discussing the current solar energy project moratorium Tuesday, selectmen said that aside from discussions with citizens about their property, no other actions should be taken for solar projects that have come up after the moratorium. The moratorium will end at this year's Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Keith Kruckas and Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney both said they believe there should be no other actions. "There should be no talk about, no walking of properties until we're done," Kruckas said. He also said the first item that should come up under planning on the town's website should be the moratorium.

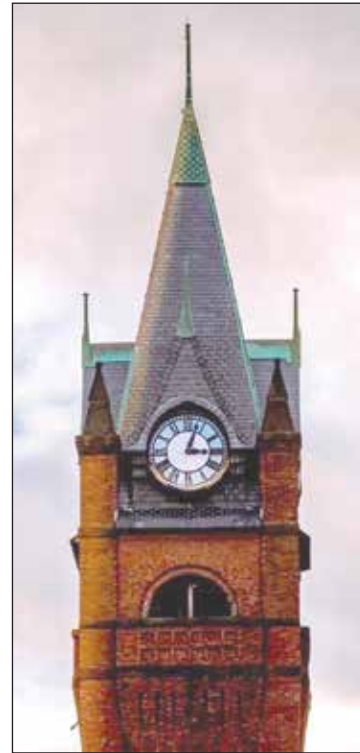
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Bells may once again toll for Ware

By Dan Flynn
Special correspondent

WARE – Last October, Bill Moryl, with help from Ron Lamb and a generous donation of supplies from Lowe's Home improvement store of Ware, performed the colorful light up of the Ware Town Hall clock tower. The response from the community was overwhelming, with many local residents giving effort high praise.

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Turley Publications courtesy photo
The clock and bell tower of the Ware Town Hall. The clock is now lighted and volunteers are raising money to restore the mechanism that controls the ringing of the bells.

Scholarships recipients honored

John and Abigail Adams winners honored at breakfast

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

WARE – Ware High School senior Emma Polak has at least one thing checked off her list when it comes to college. As she plans to attend Worcester State University majoring in biotechnology at the Honors College in the fall, Polak will have her tuition covered for the next eight semesters.

Polak, along with 10 of her senior classmates were recognized and honored last Tuesday morning at Ware Junior Senior High School as recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship during a continental breakfast, with family and friends in attendance.

"This is just a small token of our appreciation of the excellence you have shown," said Ware High School Principal Gene Rich to the audience. "When you look back at Ware and you look back at your academic career, nobody can take this away from you. Your commitment to excellence is paying off."

Based on the results of the MCAS tests all Massachusetts



Turley Publications correspondent photo by Karen A. Lewis
Recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship who were recognized and honored at a breakfast last week include Ware Junior Senior High School seniors, front row left to right, Charlotte Nassin and Brooke McCormick, middle row, left to right, Tyler Guardino, Ashanti Pelletier, Linda He, Chelsea Flamand, Nicole Opoku-Achampong, and in the back row left to right, Jarrod Harmon, Dina Lagacy, Tyler Bush and Emma Polak.

public school students take, the top 25 percent of the graduating class in their district qualified for the scholarship that covers tuition to Massachusetts community col-

leges, state universities and the University of Massachusetts for up

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East West Rail projects discussed by committee

Residents give their opinions

By Peter Spotts
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PALMER — The good news for Palmer is that five of the six East West Passenger Rail study options add Palmer as a stop on the line between Pittsfield and Boston, but residents feel a crucial piece is missing that would provide a significant ridership and revenue boost to the proposed project.

Palmer resident and University of Massachusetts student David Fite and UMass Professor Rob Kusner, also from Palmer, both spoke about the importance of resurrecting the train line between Amherst and Palmer during a public informational meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 12. They said a connection between the two would open up easy access for students to use the trains to travel to and from the Eastern part of the state.

"I think making sure there's a connection from Springfield through Amherst would be a great boon, not only for additional ridership, but also for the communities," Kusner said.

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UMass Professor Rob Kusner

Two of the five Palmer options include bus transit from Pittsfield to Springfield. Residents and other Western Massachusetts community members told Massachusetts Department of Transportation members working on the study loudly and clearly that bus connections should not be an option.

"This is Massachusetts. We have winter and we all know what winter is like in the

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SHARING ART Come feel the love at ArtWorks in February, when several of the area’s favorite local artists share the love stories that inspired some of their works. Enjoy a rare glimpse behind the canvas, and find out how these artists turned their love stories into remarkable works of art. Bring a sweetheart and join ArtWorks for a special Valentine-themed artists’ reception on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The artists’ work will be on display as well as their stories from Jan. 31 through Feb. 27 at ArtWorks Gallery, 69 Main St. in Ware. ArtWorks is open on Fridays from 3 to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.. To learn more about ArtWorks, go online to workshop13.org/gallery, call 413-277-6069 or email art-works@workshop13.org.

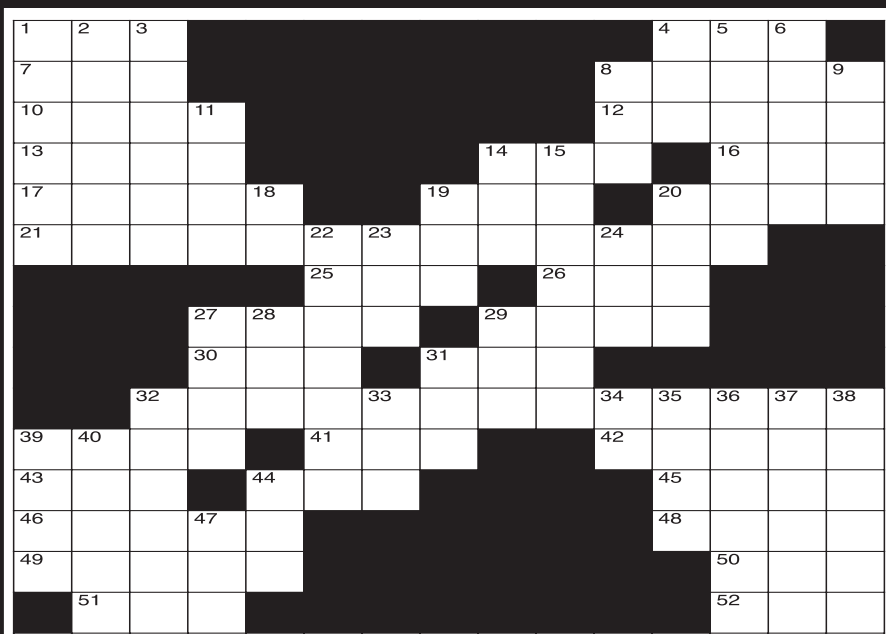
TURKEY DINNER The United Church of Ware, on Church Street, will hold a turkey dinner on Monday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take-out meals will be available from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The dinner will off turkey and all the fixins’ including potatoes, stuffing, a vegetable, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. The cost is \$12 per person and children under10 free. Credit cards are accepted. For more information call the church at 413-967-9981.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church. There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out.

Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

POLISH PLATE PRE-LENTEN DINNER will be held at St. Mary’s Church in Ware on Saturday, Feb. 22, in the church hall. Price is \$15 and includes a golombek, pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa, rye bread, coffee, tea and dessert. There will be a cash bar with beer and wine, gift baskets, gift cards and a 50/50 raffle. Hors d’oeuvres will be served at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at all weekend masses at both St. Mary’s and All Saints churches Feb. 15 and 16, or by calling Diane at 413-967-5207, Stan at 413-967-3962 or Sylvia at 413-436-9268. No tickets will be sold the day of the event. A limited amount of “take-out dinner” tickets will be sold and the dinners can be picked up between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Snow date for the dinner is Sunday, Feb. 23, at noon.

MARDI GRAS MADNESS Featuring the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Workshop 13, 13 Church St. in Ware. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Come join the band and ignore winter for a while. Adult beverages, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Grab a drink and listen to some hot Big Band jazz. It’s a chance to spice it up before Lent. Seating is limited to 90 so come early for choice seating.



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - Expression of disgust
 - A place to unwind
 - A type of cooking range
 - Grasp tightly
 - Sea eagles
 - Carb dish
 - Late-night host
 - Revolutions per minute
 - Indicates odd or erroneous
 - FDR’s military chief of staff
 - Swiss river
 - Norwegian district and river
 - A form of motivation
 - Car mechanics group
 - Once a must-have home theater accessory
 - Broken branch
- Apple and pumpkin are two
 - Skeletal muscle
 - Small Eurasian deer
 - Tight-lipped fellow
 - Comes after a cut
 - A place one lives
 - Cognizant of
 - Albanian monetary unit
 - Carrot’s partner
 - Famed garden
 - Chilean seaport
 - Days (Spanish)
 - Sudden anxiety
 - 100 square meters
 - A type of beer
 - French/Belgian river
- Patti Hearst’s captors
 - Used to refer to cited works
 - A state of excited movement
 - Advertising term (abbr.)
 - Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - New York art district
 - Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - Pre-release viewing
 - Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
 - Consumed
 - Falters
 - Radioactive form of an element
 - Catch a wrongdoer
 - Breeze through
- Thick piece of something
 - Yellowish-brown color
 - “The Raven” poet
 - Rural free delivery (abbr.)
 - Creating
 - Supervises flying
 - Northwestern state
 - Was obligated to repay
 - Diverging in lines from a common center
 - Bleak
 - We all have them of one’s hand
 - Sea that’s part of the western Pacific
 - Political action committee
 - Famed Spanish soldier El __

Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week’s are you old news photo subjects were identified as Ella Despres and her grandchildren, Marie and Emily Despres, at a booster dinner. Angela Brodes identified her cousins as did “Rebekah.”

Does anyone recognize the women in this photo from the April 4, 1991 edition of the Ware River News? If so, please send the information on, with your full name so we can give you credit, to ekennedy@turley.com.

ONGOING activities

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP Were you in a relationship you felt was destructive?

Are you in one now? Not sure? Come talk with us about this and more in a safe, confidential and supportive atmosphere. Come to The Healing Alliance Support Group for women questioning the health of their relationships on Domestic Violence Support Group at the Ware Learning Center, 23 West Main St, in Ware, on Thursdays, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free child care is provided. For more information please contact Pat James at 413-726-8661.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held at the Gilbertville Public Library, 259 Main St., Gilbertville the first and third Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. People can sign up for the checkers tournament, enjoy lots of games, coloring or Legos. This program is made possible by a cultural council grant.

WARE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, Circle 106 has temporarily changed its meeting place. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meetings will be at the home of Carol DeSantis, 307 Belchertown Road, Ware, the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. Notify Charlene at 413-813-8557 whether you are able to attend.

TEA, TREATS AND TALK are what Tea Party Thursdays are all about at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, Hardwick. There are so many delightful people to meet. Come make new friends, meet old acquaintances and share conversation. Just come for tea (or coffee) or come propose a new activity. Meet at the Paige on Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com or call 413-477-6704.

KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a knitting and crochet club meeting every Thursday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. All are welcome to come no matter their level of experience. Come and learn, lessons are given from 3 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

HOMEMADE MEAL DELIVERY All Saints Church is starting a hot homemade meal delivery for anyone in Ware called Take and Eat, which will be available on the first Saturday of each month. The church would like to know of anyone, yourselves included, who would benefit for getting a hot homemade meal once a month. There is no charge for the meal and there are no qualifications in getting the meal. Just asking for it is enough. Please call the rectory office at 413-967-4963 and give the name and address of the person or persons who would like to receive the meal. The program is built on the gospel of Jesus Christ, “I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, ill and you cared for me.”

WARE FUEL BANK The Ware Fuel Bank has once again received generous donations from local businesses and has funds to help Ware residents who are facing interruption of utility service during the heating season.

The only requirement is being a Ware resident with proof of low-income status or a financial crisis. The United Church of Ware administers this program. Those who need help or those wanting more information should call the church at 413-967-9981.

NEW MEMBERS SOUGHT Ware Community Theatre is seeking new members. It is a nonprofit organization interested in enhancing Ware’s culture by producing live performance plays, readings and solo persons of interest that may include musicals, dramas, local and national historical productions and timely events. They meet monthly on the third Monday at Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware at 7 p.m. Please call 413-544-8381 with any questions.

COMMUNITY DINNER STARTS The Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road will hold free community dinners on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January. All ages are welcome at the dinner.

NARCAN TRAINING The Ware Fire Department and the Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance are sponsoring free nasal Narcan (Naloxone) trainings on the first Thursday of the month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Narcan or Naloxone is a medication that can rapidly reverse an overdose from prescription opioids or heroin. It can be purchased without a prescription at local pharmacies. If you or a loved one uses opioids, it is recommended to have Narcan and know how to use it. The free trainings will be held at the Ware Fire Department at 200 West Street. No appointments or pre-registrations are necessary, and those wishing to get the training can just walk in. For more information, contact Ed Wloch at ewloch@townofware.com or call 413-967-5901.

BAND SEEKS NEW MEMBERS Residents are invited to join the Ware Community Concert Band. Come and experience the satisfaction of rehearsing and performing in a large accomplished band. The Concert Band rehearses once each week in the Ware High School auditorium on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They perform two full-length concerts each season, one in December and one in June, and also perform at local ceremonies and events. Membership is open to all local and area musicians of all ability levels and all band instruments. The only requirement is a desire to grow musically. Exercise your talents and come join them in making the music. For more information contact John, the conductor, at jshobbs413@charter.net.

KNITTING CIRCLE The Warren Public Library at 934 Main St., in Warren is inviting knitters on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. to join all ages and abilities of knitters at a new, ongoing knitting circle.

Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. Basic instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. For more information contact the library at 413-436-7690.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-UNIT 123 WARE meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Legion Hall on Maple Street. New members are welcome. For more information, please contact Michele at (413) 544-1996.

BASEBALL BOOK AVAILABLE The Ware Historical Society has added to its collection of the three Ware histories and other books of interest, “Ware Boys of Summer” by Ware native Stephen R. Katz. The stories of seven

major league players from out small town is full of history of the game. Call Polli at 413-967-6882 to purchase a copy. The cost is \$15.95.

STORY TIME The Young Men’s Library Association has story time every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. located at 37 Main Street in Ware. After the story, there is always a craft. Come meet new friends! All ages welcome. No registration required. The library is wheelchair accessible. Contact Cathy Rezendes at 413-967-9691 for more information.

BOOK CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds a meeting of its book club on the last Wednesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ADULT COLORING CLUB The Gilbertville Public Library holds an adult coloring club meeting on the first, third, fourth and fifth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. The library is located at 259 Main St. in the Gilbertville section of Hardwick.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Alcoholic Anonymous meetings are held on Thursdays at Trinity Episcopal Church on Park Street from 8 to 9 p.m., and Sunday nights at Mary Lane Hospital on South Street from 7 to 8:15 p.m.

STORY TIME Warren Public Library holds story time every Tuesday at 11 a.m. All children are invited to come and listen to stories and do a fun craft. The program is geared to 3 to 5-year-olds, but younger and older children are also welcome. For more information call 413- 436-7690. The library is located at 934 Main St.

MISS DONNA STORY TIME The West Warren Library Association presents a new season of Story Time with Miss Donna every second and fourth Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the West Warren Public Library, 2370 Main St. There will be fun, reading and crafts for tots 3 to 5-years-old. Please call 413-436-9892 with any questions.

KNITTING CIRCLE Knitters of all ages and abilities are invited to join an ongoing knitting circle at the Warren Public Library, at 934 Main St. in Warren. The group meets on Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m.. Both experienced and beginning knitters are welcome, and crocheters, too. Basic materials and instruction will be provided to beginning knitters. Come and learn how to knit. Stop by for a while or stay the whole time. A knitting circle is a great place to relax, create and chat with fellow knitters and to share favorite tips and tricks. For more information call 413-436-7690.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS A new Narcotics Anonymous group called “The Ware Clean Group” now meets on Sundays from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at “The Living Room” at Trinity Episcopal Church, 17 Park St.

THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT offers support to families in the Ware/Warren area. Services include helping families find information on utility shut offs, food/clothing referrals, and fuel assistance. If you are in need of information and would like to make an appointment, call 413-277-5432.

THE CLOWNING FOR KIDZ FOUNDATION is seeking individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring a decorative balloon on their clown bus. For a \$50 tax-deductible donation the balloon will feature the sponsor’s name and contact information prominently displayed and seen by thousands of event spectators across New England. For more information, please contact Jim Allard at 413-454-7234.

WARE BOY SCOUT TROOP 281, sponsored by Ware AMVETS Post 2577, meets every Tuesday from 6 to 7:15 PM at Shriners Hall. New members in grades 5- 11 are always welcomed. Contact Dan Flynn at 413-297-5886 or scoutdad281@charter.net.

WARE FAMILY CUB SCOUT PACK 520, sponsored by Earl A. Howe American Legion Post 123, meets every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The Cub Scout Pack is for boys and girls in grades K – 5. Please contact Cubmaster Chris Boos at 413-345-0448 for more information.

WARE CUB SCOUT PACK 239 meets every Tuesday from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at All Saints Church on North Street. The pack is now chartered by All Saints Church. New members always welcomed. Contact David Hartman at 413-967-8711.

DROP-IN PLAY GROUP IN WARE FAMILY CENTER at 49 Church St. for ages birth to five. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call United Church of Ware at 413-967-8127.

WARE AND WARREN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCES have a Community Input line at 413-758-0605 (toll-free). If you have concerns, advice or input please let us know.

WARE FAMILY CENTER offers a drop-in playgroup for children ages 0-5 accompanied by their adult caregivers. Snack is provided. For more information, call 413-967-8127. It is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m.



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Baystate Wing Hospital to hold Heart to Heart Lecture for Area Women on Feb. 27

PALMER – Area women are invited to attend “Heart to Heart” an educational seminar offered by Grace LaValley, DNP, AGACNP-BC. The event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Baystate Wing Hospital in the Snow Conference Room.

“In so many ways the heart of a woman is strong and resilient, yet heart disease is the number one health risk for women,” said Susan Fontaine, senior coordinator of Loyalty Programs at Baystate Health. “Grace will offer information about heart health, explain the signs and symptoms as well as treatment for heart disease.”

“You are never too young or too old to learn about your risk factors for heart disease and do something to minimize them,”

said LaValley, who joins Dr. Brian Laliberte, chair of cardiology, Dr. Zachary Zichittella and Gina Zichittella, nurse practitioner, providing comprehensive cardiology care at Baystate Cardiology located at Baystate Wing Hospital, 40 Wright St.

The Heart to Heart seminar is sponsored by the Baystate Health Every Woman, a free program that offers the latest women’s health information from physicians, nurses and other medical professionals.

The Heart to Heart seminar with Grace LaValley is offered at no cost and a light dinner will be provided. Registration is required by calling 413-794-5200 or visiting <https://hearttoheartbwh.eventbrite.com>.



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Grace LaValley will speak to women about heart health on Thursday, Feb. 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Baystate Wing Hospital in the Snow Conference Room.

Ware nomination papers available

WARE – Town Clerk Nancy Talbot has announced that the last date to obtain and submit nomination papers is Monday, Feb. 24. All incumbents (listed as follows) have been notified of their term expirations.

The following peoples’ terms are up:

Board of Selectmen, John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski. Carroll announced at the Jan. 7 selectmen’s meeting he will not seek re-election after serving for

nine years; School Committee, Aaron Sawabi;

Board of Assessors, Theodore Balicki; Board of Health, John Desmond, Park Commissioner, William Imbier; Cemetery Commissioner, Ryan Maslak; Planning Board, Frederick Urban and Ware Housing Authority, Henrietta Devlin

The following offices will appear on the Annual Town Election Ballot:

Board of Selectmen, three-year

terms, two positions open; School Committee, three-year term, one position open; Board of Assessors, three-year-term, one position open; Board of Health three-year term, one position open; Park Commissioner, three-year term, one position open; Cemetery Commissioner, three-year-term, one position open; Planning Board, five-year term, one position open and Ware Housing Authority five-year term, with one position open.

Ashe and Gobi announce public forum on crumbling concrete foundations

MONSON – State Rep. Brian Ashe, D-Longmeadow, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, will be holding a public forum on Saturday, March 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Granite Valley Middle School auditorium, at 21 Thompson St., to update residents throughout Western Mass on the status of crumbling concrete foundations caused by the presence of

pyrrhotite.

They will also discuss the state reimbursement program as well as present the final report filed by the Crumbling Concrete Foundations Study Commission. The commission was tasked with examining the financial and economic impacts of crumbling concrete foundations by identifying the affected locations and overall

estimated cost to fully restore the damaged foundations. The report also recommends what steps the state should take to address the overall issue and what action can be taken to best assist affected homeowners.

After a brief presentation, there will be a question and answer period.

Democrats to hold caucus

WARE – Democrats in Ware will hold a caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Party’s nominating convention. The caucus will be held at the Ware Senior Center, at 1 Robbins Road, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. The snow date will take place Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m.

They will elect four delegates, two men and two women to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will vote to endorse candidates for statewide office. All registered Democrats in Ware are eligible to participate.

Turkey dinner to be held on Feb. 24

WARE – The United Church of Ware, on Church Street, will hold a turkey dinner on Monday, Feb. 24, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Take-out meals will be available from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The dinner will off turkey and all the fixins’ includ-

ing potatoes, stuffing, a vegetable, roll, coffee, tea and dessert. The cost is \$12 per person and children under10 free. Credit cards are accepted. For more information call the church at 413-967-9981.

NBHS Class of 1960 reunion

NORTH BROOKFIELD – The North Brookfield High School Class of 1960 reunion will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 308 Lakeside (formerly the Lashaway Inn), in East Brookfield. Those interested in going are asked to sign up by May 1. To sign up, contact Tim Parker at RiterTim@gmail.com or call him at 413-967-3343.

St. Patrick’s Day dinner, March 14

WARE – Trinity Trinity Episcopal Church, at the corner of Park and Pleasant streets, will hold a traditional St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, on Saturday, March 14, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the church. There will be corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots, rye bread and homemade desserts. A donation of \$12 for adults, \$10

for seniors over 65, and free for children 5 and under. Eat in or take out. Please call 413-967-6100 for more information and to make reservations. Bring family, friends and neighbors for an enjoyable time and a delicious meal cooked by members of the parish. All proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the parish.

Second sound study ordered

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

PALMER – A Land Court judge recently ruled the Palmer Motorsports Park must make any noise mitigation steps not already taken according to the town’s Special Permit and conduct another sound study once the track opens for the racing season. Part of the ruling stated that it found the park is still not in compliance with the 10th condition of the Special Permit.

Land Court Judge Michael D. Vahey made the decision after a trial on a motion by Palmer Building Inspector Bonita J. Weeks asserting the track had not met the 10th condition of the Special Permit the town approved for it in 2007.

The legal process has been going on since 2017, with the town and the track unable to come to agreement on the sound study’s process.

“The town is certainly happy with the outcome,” said Planning Director Linda Leduc, who said the ruling has laid out what has to be done. “We did not want to see the track closed, we believe it is

an asset to economic development. But we needed them to be in compliance.”

“I’m happy it’s over,” said PMP owner Fred Ferguson. “I think it’s unfortunate it had to be litigated. Apparently we were unable to come to agreement to satisfy the town’s requirements.” He said he felt it was a failure that he and the town could not find common ground and had to resort to the legal system.

The order on the motion for relief states the original sound analysis was based on the track’s original design, which changed before it was built. Despite the design change, PMP did not apply for a modification of the 10th condition, which said “the applicant shall record actual noise readings to validate the project model and confirm compliance with state regulations. New information shall be submitted to the board for professional review, at the applicant’s expense, and proper mitigation measures shall be implemented if needed.”

PMP used the same sound consultant as the original owners, which said its 2015 report “validated” the original project model and

confirmed the park’s compliance with state regulations, but town officials disagreed.

According to the judgment, PMP argued it wanted a different sound study metric to be used, but the court said it did not have the power to order a community to rewrite a permit with different conditions. The order also pointed out the original study used the same metric to submit to the town.

Ferguson said many of the mitigation measures the town had wanted, such as acoustical barriers, have been installed. He said the track has spent a great deal of money on mitigation measures, which could have been invested in other track facilities.

“At the end of the day I need to make sure we’ve done everything we can,” he said about making the noise at a reasonable level for residents of Palmer and surrounding towns. “I want to go the extra mile for the community.”

Leduc said there is no necessity for additional hearings, but the town will work with PMP to make sure it is in compliance according to the court order.

Ware Senior Center activities, menu

WARE – The Ware Senior Center at 1 Robbins Road is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The Thrift Store is open daily from 8 a.m. to noon. Donations are accepted only during store hours.

Monday, Feb. 24

- 9 a.m. Tai Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Tuesday, Feb. 25

- 9:30 a.m. Quilting Club
- 9:30 a.m. Exercise at Valley View
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1p.m. Cribbage
- 1p.m. Chess
- 6 p.m. Pitch
- Registration at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Foot nurse
- Sign-up at Front Desk
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 10 a.m. Knit-Laugh-Crochet
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch

Thursday, Feb. 27

- 9:30 a.m. Exercise at Valley View
- 9:30 a.m. Line dancing, beginners, Senior Center
- 10 a.m. Line dancing
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- Birthday Party!
- 1 p.m. Pitch
- 2:30 p.m. Art class
- 5 p.m. Bingo

Friday, Feb. 28

- 9 a.m. Tai-Chi
- 10 a.m. Scat
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Whist
- 6 p.m. Pitch

Lunches Monday, Feb. 24

Brunch

Blueberry pancakes

Scrambled eggs

Hash browns

Orange juice

Dessert

Tuesday Feb. 25

Grilled burgers w/all the toppings

French fries

Salad

Dessert

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Ash Wednesday

Tuna casserole

Tomato soup

Veggie of the Day

Dessert

Thursday, Feb. 27

Birthday Party

Ham dinner

Boiled potatoes

Carrots

Raisin sauce

Dessert

Friday, Feb. 28

Baked Haddock

Au gratin potatoes

Veggie of the Day

Dessert

Blood drive set for Feb. 26

WARE – During the winter, inclement weather and illness cause a drop in donor activity, making blood donations in February is critical.

The Baystate Health Blood Donor Mobile will host a blood drive Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Baystate Mary Lane on the Baystate Health Bloodmobile. In appreciation, all eligible donors will receive a Big Y or Dunkin Donuts gift card. The bloodmobile will be parked in the North (visitors) parking lot, located at 85 South St.

“Please help us to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply is available by donating blood with the Baystate Health Blood Donor Program,” said Deb Oberg, co-coordinator of the Blood Drive held in Ware. “One donation helps to save two lives, and 100% of all blood collected on the bloodmobile stays in our community for use in Baystate Health hospitals and facilities,” noted Oberg.

“There is no substitute for human blood,” adds Maryann Burian, who joins Oberg in the planning and coordination of the mobile blood drives held in Ware. Blood donations take approximately one hour to complete, including the interview, donations and refreshments. To donate blood, people must be at least 17 years old; weigh at least 110 pounds have a photo ID; be in good health (no colds, or sore throat) and have not donated blood within the past eight weeks.

For more information or to book an appointment, people may call Deb Oberg or Maryann Burian at 413-967-2180.

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Eyes up, hands free

Beginning next week commuters will have even more of a reason to set their cell phones aside when behind the wheel.

The Massachusetts Hands-Free Driving Law will officially take effect as of Sunday, Feb. 23. From then on until March 31, violators who are caught using their cell phones while driving will receive a verbal warning from law enforcement officials. As of April 1, however, those found guilty of the infraction will have a citation issued to them.

It is illegal in the commonwealth to compose or read texts, emails, social media, watch videos, or to use the camera function on cellular devices when behind the wheel of a car.

Beginning this spring drivers who break the new Hands-Free Driving Law will receive a fine of \$100 on their first offense. A second offense will mean an additional \$250 charge, and will also require offenders to take a distracted driving education course.

A third and final offense will result in a penalty of \$500, which will be surchargeable to a driver's insurance.

Gov. Charlie Baker made Massachusetts the 21st state in the nation to prohibit drivers from using cell phones in November of 2019, nearly a decade after the state banned texting while driving in 2010.

According to statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2017 a total of 3,166 fatal motor vehicle accidents occurred nationwide as a result of distracted driving.

The 2018 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Safety Annual Report lists a key demographic of offenders as drivers age 35 or younger, largely due to cell phone and smartphone use. In the past three years, these drivers have accounted for half of all distracted drivers in a fatal crash and nearly 60 percent of all drivers in a speed-related fatal crash.

The Safe Roads Alliance, a national organization with headquarters in Massachusetts dedicated to providing safety educational services to all drivers, is looking to prepare drivers to meet the letter of the new law.

The new law prohibits using a cell phone unless it is an emergency, while allowing calls to be made in hands-free mode. Be sure that cell phones are affixed to the dashboard, center console or windshield of a vehicle. Only one touch or swipe is allowed to activate GPS or to make or receive an emergency call as manual dialing or GPS use is now banned.

Before drivers set out on their commute, they should program their GPS while stationary and make any calls or send text messages before hand. Be sure to let recipients of the messages know that you will be driving and unable to answer the phone.

Many phone manufacturers, such as iPhones, come with functions such as do not disturb while driving. For android phones, the downloadable app DriveMode will also allow for features such as incoming calls to be silenced and will even send automatic responses to let callers know you are driving.

Above all else, the simplest and most effective way to prevent distracted driving mishaps is to put away your cell phone and keep your eyes on the roadway.

Color play on a winter's day

In this column I thought it would be fun to take a closer look at color. Personally, one of the very reasons I love to garden is because it gives me the opportunity to play with color. Perhaps you satisfy your passion for color by painting, quilting or another hobby besides gardening. Read on, there will be something useful here for you, too.

While we have to live with our color choices in permanent plantings such as perennial borders or shrub beds, we have an endless palette of plants to choose from for gardens or containers devoted solely to annuals, bulbs and fall plants. With the start of each new season we can once again let our creative juices run wild and change our color schemes as we see fit.

Just like the cook who instinctively knows what herb and how much of it to use to flavor a meal, color, for me, is intuitive. I'd like to think that I know what looks nice with what without looking at a color wheel or reading some sort of explanation on the subject. Not every season do I "hit the ball out of the park" with my pairings, but most of the time I am satisfied. If you find your color combinations to be missing some zing, perhaps a lesson in color terminology that may help you broaden your brushstrokes.

First of all, grab a good gardening book from your collection and search out the color wheel. You can also go online and print one out. Having one on hand will make the terms I use easier to understand and no doubt get you "scheming."

The complementary color scheme utilizes color opposites for the sharpest possible contrast. First, pick a color you'd like in your garden on the color wheel, say yellow for example. The color directly opposite yellow on the wheel is violet. Other complementary color combinations

are orange and blue and green and red. For an early spring planting try solid orange pansies with blue violas, beautiful!

The analogous color scheme is one in which colors lie next to one another within a 90-degree angle on the wheel. Trace your color wheel, fold it in half and in half again to have a "quarter pie." Position this ninety-degree angle over any three colors to achieve the analogous scheme. Yellow, orange and orange-red is a classic analogous combination, easily achieved by utilizing various types of marigolds in a summer garden.

A triadic color scheme is made from three colors that are the same distance from one another on the wheel. To find triads, it helps to think of the wheel as a clock. Just look for

colors in the four, eight and 12 position; rotate the wheel to see all of your options. Red, yellow and blue is a commonly used triad. Picture double-flowered red and yellow tulips with an underplanting of blue hyacinth, talk about drama!

In monochromatic color scheme, you basically design your garden around a single color. If you like pink, for example, you would choose pale pink flowers, deep pink flowers, and all the subtle hues in between. This scheme rarely disappoints. White gardens were all the rage a few years back. One of my favorite all white combinations is cleome, cosmos, bachelor's buttons, salvia farinacea and annual baby's breath. Nearly every flower type possible is covered and each one is white.

Has all this talk about color gotten you excited for the start of the season? It has me. Until then, I'll work on a new rug to satisfy my need for color play.

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ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

GUEST COLUMN

Without civility our system doesn't work

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

When he was just a young teenage schoolboy, George Washington sat down and copied out 110 "Rules of Civility & Decent Behavior." Many of these had to do with simple manners. "Cleanse not your teeth with the tablecloth, napkin, fork or knife," reads Rule 100. Good advice at any time.

But the first rule the future president wrote down and followed for the rest of his life was especially notable: "Every action done in company, ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present." There are times when I find myself wishing that all of us — public officials and ordinary citizens alike — would adopt the civil behavior of that particular teenager.

Our politics today too often is strident and polarized. To put it mildly, we do not always show respect to those present, as Washington did, and try to make them comfortable. Often, it's just the opposite. We live in a polity that seems to reward in-your-face rhetoric and confrontational behavior.

Yet civility — respecting the rights and dignity of others — uplifts our common life. It makes engaging in politics more pleasant, more appealing, and ultimately, more fruitful.

I'm well aware that calls for civility in the past have been used by political "haves" to try to rein in those seeking entree to power. And Americans have an interesting, conflicted view on the topic. On the one hand, a Georgetown University poll found last fall, Americans across the political spectrum "agree with the premise that our political culture has become too uncivil and lacks a focus on solutions, and that common ground and compromise should be the goal for political leaders." Yet they often tolerate, if not encourage, incivility, and want their leaders to "stand up to the other side."

But stressing respect for one's opponents does not mean we need to agree with one another. Far from it. At its heart, our system



was built as a means of managing disagreement without coming to blows. Treating one another civilly is how people who don't agree still manage to weigh issues carefully and find common ground. The founding fathers did not expect all Americans would become friends, but they did expect that we could all be respectful and civil to each other.

And there's no question that incivility has consequences. It makes the work of democracy more difficult: building consensus, reconciling competing views, enticing ordinary Americans to give up some of their private lives to devote themselves to the public good. It makes key institutions like Congress less effective. Walking into a room or chamber where the differences are sharply drawn and finding a way to bring people together is political skill of the highest order. And it's pretty much impossible to exercise without civility.

Where many of us grew up — and still, to this day — talking easily, comfortably, and courteously with one another is the way we resolve our problems. Especially at the state and local level, political leaders mostly recognize that they have a responsibility to respect the dignity of the people they're bound to encounter on a regular basis.

This is not always easy. Civility takes discipline and patience. Especially when faced with incivility, the temptation is to lash right

back. But aside from some kind of momentary satisfaction, it's hard to see how this is an effective tactic if our purpose is to get things done.

Because in a democracy like ours, the key challenge is to foster a debate that respects all voices, even those of dissent and protest, and create an environment that enables the agreements we need to advance the common good. The future and the effectiveness of our representative democracy require that we get the balance between civility and dissent right.

The reassuring thing is that bringing this country closer to the political behavior that George Washington had in mind is not a matter of enacting laws or passing new regulations. It's simply a matter of encouraging respectful behavior, one person at a time. If we can do that and reverse the course we've embarked on in recent years, then we can still show that a government of, for, and by the people works.

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School staycations and pun fun

February's area school vacations are here! Students, parent, aunts, uncles and grandparents may spend time with staycation students.

Some may wonder, "What's a staycation?" It's a time when instead of traveling a great distance away for vacation, the decision is made to stay home, and to travel short trips to see local events, entertainment, and to tour nearby museums, landmarks and well-known sites.

Especially during "staycations," every family member can use light-en-up, brighten-up moments. From the youngest student to the retiree, reportedly, "humor is the best medicine."

Fun puns are words written or used in such a way that suggests two or more meanings. Some puns make wordplay by using another word with a similar sound. Adults understand the definition as a word or phrase two meanings resulting in a witticism or a jest.

Perhaps your days during this school staycation can go a little lighter and brighter with

several light-hearted fun puns?

Often most mornings start with breakfast table conversations while sipping tea, hot chocolate or coffee. A fun pun for the coffee drinkers:

"Coffee has bean the grounds of many a heated and strong discussion."

Even during wintry weather, sometimes discussing the evolving evidences of spring happens:

"After winter, the trees are relieved."

Other times, fruit-related chatter somehow manages to conclude how generations raise children differently:

"You know the problem with grapes these days. People just aren't raisin' them right."

Often during "staycations," students visit the dentist's office and their family member may remind them: "Dentists have their own floss-ify on how to keep teeth clean."

And, as students get warmly dressed and pile into cars, from first-hand experiences, we all know that getting to places on time during

GUEST COLUMNIST



JOAN E. B. COOMBS

Country Bank donates \$900,000 to area nonprofits

WARE – Country Bank proudly reported donations for 2019 totaling \$905,049. Through the bank’s philanthropic efforts, they provide support to local nonprofits throughout the communities they serve; in 2019, more than 500 of these organizations received generous donations. Organizations receiving support included The Children’s Trust, Ludlow Community Center Boys and Girls Club, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, Project Bread and the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

Recognizing the importance and overwhelming need to help organizations that address hunger, Country Bank provided monetary donations to food programs throughout the region that exceeded \$100,000. The recipients of these funds included Friends of the Homeless, Springfield Rescue Mission and the Western Mass Food Bank as well as many local food pantries.

“Our desire to support and enrich our communities is not only a part of our mission, it’s truly who we are,” stated Paul Scully, president, and CEO of Country Bank. “Team members embody our Standards of Professional Excellence every day by applying the bank’s iSTEP core values of integrity, service, teamwork, excel-

lence, and prosperity. These values continue to guide our mission, especially through our community involvement efforts.”

In addition, Country Bank’s Employee Charitable Giving Program raised more than \$30,000 in 2019 through events such as jeans days, bake sales and raffles. “Our team volunteered more than 1,000 hours of personal time at various events within our communities. These volunteer hours speak directly to our culture and our belief in helping others. Serving meals, filling backpacks for the homeless and building beds for children in need are just a few of the ways we gave back to our communities,” stated Jodie Gerulaitis, vice president of community relations.

To learn more about Country Bank’s Charitable Giving program, go to <https://www.countrybank.com/communications-center/>.

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Ware River Nature Club to hold meeting

BARRE – The Ware River Nature Club invites anyone interested in nature, ecology and wildlife of Massachusetts to attend its upcoming annual dinner meeting and silent auction Sunday, Feb. 26. The afternoon event will take place at Hartman’s Herb Farm, Old Dana Road Two professional guest speakers will address the topic of insects, the natural science topic of this year’s meeting. The meeting is open to non-members for \$45 as well as members for \$35. The gathering includes a full-course meal, speaker presentations and chances to bid on various and sundry items in the club’s fundraiser silent auction.

Guest speakers are Sarah Haggerty, a conservation biologist with Maine Audubon Society, presenting “Insects in Decline in New England? Let’s Find Out” and Sam Jaffe, founder and director of the Caterpillar Lab, with the program “Caterpillars and More: Uncovering the Whole Story.” Both are keen observers, skilled naturalists and dedicated science professionals.

Haggerty attended Bowdoin College and earned a Master of Science degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation from UMass Amherst, where she studied the effects of land management on rare moth species. For several years she worked with various government agencies and non-profits on wildlife and fisheries conservation issues, then worked for a decade in a variety of capacities with MassWildlife’s Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program before joining Maine Audubon Society.

Her talk will address recent studies from around the world that have been highlighting an alarming trend-insects have declined dramatically over just a few short decades. And a new, related headline announced dramatic bird population declines, with some of the highest declines among birds that feed on insects. To address the question of whether these trends are occurring here in New England as well, Maine Audubon is spearheading a project to try to determine the status of Maine’s insect populations. Throughout 2020 they will be partnering with entomologists and ecologists across the state and the region to identify datasets that might offer a clue to insect population trends in Maine.

In the companion program, Sam Jaffe will present an original photograph and video-packed talk that explores backyard pollinators, plants, parasitoids and the

Hot jazz at Mardi Gras concert, Feb. 23

WARE – Mardi Gras Madness!Featuring the Ware Community Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4:30 p.m., at Workshop 13, 13 Church St. in Ware. Admission is free and the concert is open to the public. Come join the band and ignore winter for a while. Adult beverages, soft drinks and water will be available for purchase.Grab a drink and listen to some hot Big Band jazz. It’s a chance to spice it up before Lent. Seating is limited to 90 so come early for choice seating.

Paige Memorial Library book sales starts Feb. 22

HARDWICK – The February book sale at the Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, will begin on Saturday, Feb. 22, and continue through Saturday, Feb. 29. The Friends of the Paige Memorial Library have new books on the shelves in the lower level of the library. The library’s hours are on Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2 to 7 p.m., and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To learn more call 413-477-6704, email director. paigelibrary@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/paigelibrary/> and <http://www.paigelibrary.com>.

Wing Memorial Hospital auxiliary offers scholarships

PALMER – The Wing Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is offering a one-year scholarship of \$1,000 to students planning to enter the health-care field.

One eligible student from each

of the following schools will be chosen: Belchertown High School, Ludlow High School, Minnechaug Regional High School, Monson High School, Palmer High School, Pathfinder Regional High School

and Ware High School.

Applications are available at the guidance department of each school and at the Wing Memorial Hospital Gift Shop and must be postmarked or emailed by March 31.



Turley Publications courtesy photo on historical photographs of the buildings that were in the towns of what is now the Quabbin Reservoir on Feb. 23, at 2 p.m. This is a photo of the Harriet E. Hess property in Enfield on Jan. 14, 1928.

Quabbin photos enter the digital age

BELCHERTOWN – On Sunday, Feb. 23, the Quabbin Visitor Center will present a free public program entitled “Quabbin Enters the Digital Age” by Department of Conservation and Recreation archivist Sean Fisher. The program begins at 2 p.m. and is suitable for all ages.

As part of the Quabbin Reservoir Construction Project, thousands of photographs were taken of the properties purchased and removed by the Metropolitan District Water Supply Commission to build the reservoir. These photos are a fascinating window into the world of the Quabbin Valley as it existed prior to 1938. They have been scanned and are now available to the public to

view online through the Digital Commonwealth project. Fisher will be joined by MA Water Resources Authority project intern Katy Purington who worked on the metadata that is part of the photograph collection.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is located in the DCR Quabbin Administration Building at the west end of Winsor Dam in Belchertown. Access to the Center is through the Main (West) Quabbin Park entrance on Route 9, three miles east of the Route 9/Route 202 intersection. Seating and attendance are limited and on a first come-first serve basis. For further information regarding the program, please contact the Center at 413-323-7221.

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Whitney said it doesn’t make the right impression for the town if officials are still working on potential projects in some way while there is a moratorium.

Planning Board Chairman Richard Starodoj said it is his belief that citizens should be able to come to the Planning Department and ask questions about their land and what they can do with it, with which selectmen agreed. He also urged selectmen and residents to attend the Planning Board Thursday evening when it continues discussions on changing the town’s solar bylaws. The new bylaws will be presented to Town Meeting.

Starodoj also said solar energy developers should come to open meetings to lobby the town about the upcoming changes in the town’s solar bylaws, but they should not seek private meetings with town officials.

Selectman Tracy Opalinski said the board also has to be careful it isn’t overstepping its bounds, and a look at the town’s charter might be in order.

School regionalization

Selectmen said they would like to create an ad hoc town committee to explore Ware schools sharing services with other school districts or regionalizing. Selectman John Carroll suggested the idea to keep discussions moving after the recent unveiling of a \$12,000 study on regionalization. It would include members from the Board of Selectman, School Committee and Finance Committee, Town Manager Stuart Beckley, School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo and possibly a parent.

Whitney said the group could contact nearby school districts to see if they would be interested in talking about shared services and/or regionalization.

Whitney said he found the report “very biased” and it didn’t shed much light on whether regionalization would be helpful to the Ware schools or not. “I’m neither for or

against school regionalization, but we don’t have the information to make a good decision,” he said.

He also said he was concerned because he didn’t realize the company conducting the report, The Management Solution, is also headed by Andrew Paquette, the business manager of the Ware School District. “It’s not a very independent report,” he said.

Opalinski said she was aware Paquette was an official with the company, but remembered him saying he would step back from the process and let others at the company conduct the study.

Whitney said when a Quabbin School District School Committee member and that district’s school superintendent said during a joint meeting between the School Committee and selectmen that it had not been contacted to see if it was interested in working together, it cast the report and the process into question for him.

At that joint meeting, the Quabbin officials said they had not received anything from The Management Solution about regionalizing, and they were interested in talking about at least shared services and academic programs as well as regionalization. An official with The Management Solution said during that meeting that one email had been sent to the prior Quabbin school superintendent and no follow-up emails or phone calls had been made.

Strong chief

Selectmen agreed to talk more about their wish to have a Fire Commission, which would oversee the Fire Chief, although the town has what is called “a strong chief,” meaning the chief makes the overall decisions for the department. Whitney said the Police Commission, which is made up of the selectmen, oversees the Police Department by approving appointments,

hiring and firing processes and suspensions longer than five days. He would like to see the same process for the Fire Department.

Acting Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon said he would like to see more discussion about it first, including the motivation for creating the Fire Commission. He said the current process, where selectmen hire or fire firefighters on the chief’s recommendations, has worked for a long time and he was worried it was a reactive move to recent history. He was referring to the past year when former fire chief Thomas Coulombe was put on administrative leave for about nine months, and eventually demoted to lieutenant after a hearing on several issues.

SelectBoard

Selectmen all said they were supportive of changing the Board of Selectmen to SelectBoard to “reflect the times we live in,” as Opalinski said, who put forth the change. Beckley will check with Town Counsel about whether changes to the wording of the town charter are necessary.

Town Warrant

Selectmen voted to open the Annual Town Meeting warrant for the submission of articles until noon on Friday, March 27.

Executive session

All five selectmen voted to go into Executive Session to discuss a complaint against Beckley and to prepare for or discuss grievances by firefighters who believe the union contract with the town has been violated. The board members said they would not be returning to open session.

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The staff writer will cover municipal meetings, features and general news; essentially everything that unfolds in small towns. Assignments will be for both newspapers as well as other companywide publications.

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A night of social media education will be paired with the perfect wine

HARDWICK – Let’s Get Social: Chikmedia and Healthy Town Living will be hosting a night of social media and personal branding education paired with the perfect wine from local vineyard, Hardwick Vineyard and Winery, on Thursday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Hardwick Winery, 3305 Greenwich Road. These local businesses are teaming up to shape the future of local female entrepreneurs, while indulging in local, tasty treats.

The social media and personal branding workshop will cover all the basics and share knowledge on the vital components needed to launch a comprehensive, effective personal brand. Trends, demographics and successful tips on how to brand yourself effectively will be covered, along with the ins and outs of the social media platforms that fuel the success of a campaign. The workshop will cover the must-haves for a professional online presence and will teach what types of content works best and where it should be posted to engage more followers.

Healthy Town Living, a partner in this event, crafts her own rec-

ipes or modifies others, to make them healthier. Owner Donna Holden’s mission is to inspire and educate others to live a healthy life by creating recipes that can show the community how to turn locally-grown ingredients into healthy and satisfying recipes. Healthy Town Living will be work with Reeds Country Store and local farms to create a delicious, healthy meal, which will nicely with a glass of local wine from Hardwick Vineyard and Winery for guests to enjoy.

“I am so excited to bring Chikmedia to Hardwick,” said Holden. “We have a lot of amazing female entrepreneurs and businesses in this rural area that can really benefit from this type of event. Sometimes we get forgotten about out here in the country, so I love to showcase and remind people to look locally before they go searching beyond for food or services. I also love that this is a wonderful time for our community to come together to network and appreciate what they are bringing to this area.”

“This workshop is intended to be for all levels of social media users: those who have just start-

ed, and those who are looking to fine tune their skills,” said Meghan Rothschild, owner and president of Chikmedia. “In today’s world, keeping up to date on the latest is critical to success, and this workshop will do just that.”

Chikmedia is a boutique firm that puts an emphasis on female-run organizations and women business owners; offering strategic marketing planning and creative public relations. Started by award-winning women, Chikmedia seeks to improve marketing campaigns, target messaging and create campaigns that reflect individual business personalities.

Healthy Town Living is an online destination for all things, healthy living and eating. Holden, lives an active lifestyle who loves to cook and eat healthy, “real” food. Intrigued by what food can do to a person, and how food choices can influence the way a body feels, she crafts her own recipes or modifies others, to make them healthier.

Anyone who wishes to attend should contact Meghan Rothschild at Meghan@chikmedia.us.

Top Floor Learning holds monthly game nights

PALMER – Top Floor Learning will hold monthly game nights on March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 17 and Dec. 8, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., at the Palmer Public Library. There is no fee and no registration is required. Participants must be 16 or older, unless accompanied by an adult. Board games and card games are provided or bring your own Scrabble, cribbage, Monopoly, Uno, chess, checkers, Yahtzee, bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8s, Hearts, Dominos or other games.

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EOLWD awards training grants for area businesses

BOSTON – The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development to announce training grant awards for three businesses located in the district through the Workforce Training Fund Program. Funded by Massachusetts employers via contributions made to unemployment insurance, the Workforce Training Fund helps companies improve productivity and competitiveness by providing resources to invest in the Massachusetts workforce.

When asked about the grants, Sen. Anne Gobi commented, “Our region is fortunate to have so many thriving manufacturing companies. This partnership between the Commonwealth and businesses assists in creating new jobs and opportunities, strengthening the existing workforce to ensure continued growth and economic viability.”

The grant awards are as follows:

G & F Molding in Sturbridge will receive \$119,400 to train 100 workers and anticipates adding 10 jobs by 2021.

Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation in Ware will receive \$74,233 to train three workers and anticipates adding 40 jobs by 2021. This grant was awarded to a consortium of businesses, which includes DeTector Technology

of Palmer, Mustang Motorcycle Products of Three Rivers, Palmer Foundry of Palmer and Quabbin Wire & Cable of Ware.

Vibram Corporation in North Brookfield will receive \$94,070 to train 289 workers and anticipates adding five jobs by 2021.

In partnership with EOLWD, Commonwealth Corporation reviews and awards training grants of up to \$250,000 to Massachusetts businesses and consortia of businesses to fund training for the current and newly hired employees, with grants being awarded on a rolling basis throughout the year. In 2019, nearly 600 Massachusetts employers were approved for more than \$20 million in WTPF grant-funded training for more than 15,200 workers.

The program is a powerful tool to create new jobs, increase skills and opportunities for our workers, and maintain the economic strength and viability of the Commonwealth’s businesses. Companies who completed grants in FY2019 added jobs at a rate of 15.5 percent, more than eight-times the statewide average, resulting in 3,833 new jobs.

To learn more about the Workforce Training Fund, people may visit WorkforceTrainingFund.org.

Pioneer Valley Jazz Shares presents Steve Swell’s Kende Dreams

NORTHAMPTON – Pioneer Valley Jazz Shares continues with a performance by Steve Swell’s Kende Dreams, Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Northampton Center for the Arts, 33 Hawley St. Kende Dreams features Steve Swell, trombone, Rob Brown, alto saxophone, William Parker, bass, Michael T.A. Thompson, drums. Single tickets at \$15 a piece are available at www.jazzshares.org and at the door.

Steve Swell has been an active member of the New York scene since 1975. He has toured and recorded with a wide array of musicians, ranging from legendary jazz traditionalists, like Lionel Hampton and Buddy Rich, to renowned avant-gardists such as Anthony Braxton, Bill Dixon, William Parker, and Cecil Taylor. His discography consists of over 50 albums as a leader or co-leader and over 100 appearances as a sideman. After studying in the mid-1970s with trombonist Roswell Rudd, as well as Grachan Moncur III and Jimmy Knepper, Swell joined Makanda Ken McIntyre’s band which resulted in subsequent tours and recordings with myriad creative music luminaries including Joey Baron, Jemeel Moondoc and Ken Vandermark, among many others. As a bandleader Swell has led a number of projects, including Slammin’ the Infinite, Fire Into Music, Unified Theory of Sound and his large ensemble Nation of We, aka NOW Ensemble).

Rob Brown was born in 1962 in Hampton, Virginia, and moved to New York in 1984, where he established the musical relationships that came to define his career. He reestablished ties with pianist Matthew Shipp, whom he met in Boston in 1982, and made their first album in 1988 on Cadence. He then met William Parker and began a 30-year collaboration, touring Europe and the US, and recording more than 18 albums, in ensembles ranging from quartet to big band. The most most prolific and steadily working of those groups is Parker’s quar-



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Steve Swell, of Steve Swell’s Kende Dreams, will perform on Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the Northampton Center for the Arts. Pioneer Valley Jazz Shares organized the concert.

et, formed in 2000, with Lewis Barnes and Hamid Drake. Rob has also been playing with William Parker’s Little Huey Creative Music Orchestra since its inception in the early 1990s. Brown also has important ongoing relationships with drummer Whit Dickey and cellist Daniel Levin. Brown has recorded 26 albums as a leader or co-leader and many more as a sideman.

William Parker is a bassist, improviser, composer, writer and educator from New York City, heralded by The Village Voice as, “the most consistently brilliant free jazz bassist of all time.” In addition to recording over 150 albums, he has published six books and taught and mentored hundreds of young musicians and artists. Parker’s current bands include the Little Huey Creative Music Orchestra, In Order to Survive, Raining on the Moon, Stan’s Hat Flapping in the Wind, and the Cosmic Mountain Quartet with Hamid Drake, Kidd Jordan and Cooper-Moore. Throughout his career he has performed with Cecil Taylor, Don Cherry, Milford Graves and David S. Ware, among others.

Michael TA Thompson was born in Miami in 1955, and moved to the US Virgin Islands when he was 9. There he started the process of learning music and how to play the drums, studying, listening and playing all kinds of music from Caribbean to jazz, and everything in between. After high school, he attended Berklee School of Music, before moving to New York where he met the late Roy Campbell, Jr. and soon established a prolific career. Over the years, Thompson has shared bandstands and recording studios with a wide variety of artists including Charles Gayle, Nels Cline, Jason Hwang, Vinny Golia, Joe McPhee, Oliver Lake, Kidd Jordan, Fay Victor, Matthew Shipp, Uri Caine, Henry Grimes, Marc Ribot, William Parker; The Shadow, Becket, reggae artist Owen Gray, as well as artists from classical to rap and beyond.

This performance is made possible with the support of Jazz Road, a national initiative of South Arts, which is funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, with additional support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Hardwick residents have a chance to help history

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Town House Advisory Committee, with the support of the Hardwick Select Board, is creating a fundraising project to support the painting of the exterior of the Hardwick Town House. While a very significant number of improvements have been made over the last several years, a quick look at the outside of the building makes it obvious that painting is very much needed if the town is to prevent deterioration of this beautiful, historic building that plays an import-

ant role in the community. There are two phases to this program. First, the Advisory Committee is applying for a grant to cover half the cost of the painting. The other half of the cost will have to come from funds raised to cover Committee’s share. That’s what this request is all about: raising the necessary money to meet our share for the grant.

So far, the THAC has maintained a gift fund under Town auspices. Now the Committee has begun the fundraising effort by asking the pub-

lic for donations. Committee members have contacted all their known potential donors and now it is time to ask other town residents to support this effort to preserve the Town House. So, all town residents who wish to support this project to protect the town’s beautiful, historic building can make a donation to the Town House Gift Account and mail it to: Town of Hardwick ATTN: Lucinda Childs/TownHouse Gift Account, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

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Berkshires,” said Emmaladd Shepherd from Palmer Rail Stop. “We’re talking about putting a bus out on the roads?”

North Adams Mayor Tom Bernard stated, “Any solution that requires bus transit from Pittsfield to Springfield is a non-starter. We need true rail from Pittsfield to Boston.”

Bernard received a rousing ovation from the completely packed room in the UMass Center in Tower Square for his comments. Bernard said that since Western Mass residents helped foot the bill for infrastructure improvements in the East, it’s time for them to return the favor with a “generational investment in the future of economic development.”

The option that intrigued people the most is the sixth option for the construction of a new electrified railroad line running along the I-90 Turnpike corridor. However, this options also carries the steepest price tag of \$24.9 billion. It features the largest projected ridership, estimated at 820 daily, with the fastest travel time. However, the next most expensive option is \$5.1 billion — which is alternative 5, the only option without a Palmer stop.

“The cost increases a lot faster than the ridership increases, so you’re not getting the most bang



Turley Publications staff photo by Peter Spotts
The UMass Center at Tower Square in Springfield was packed to the bursting point with people eager to learn about the six alternatives for East West Rail and give feedback, thoughts and opinions.

for your buck,” said Ned Codd, New England planning and environmental lead for WSP.

Citizens were quick to point out that the problem with cheaper options is that projected ride times are not low enough to make the train more attractive than commuting via the Turnpike with the exception of Alternative 6.

There were also many people expressing distrust with the projected ridership numbers as the highest, and most expensive, ridership projection peaked at 820

people.

“This is a project for the whole state. The Boston residents will benefit just as much as Western Mass.,” said Palmer’s Mike Eagan. “I don’t see how ridership can be low when you’ll eventually have a migration to Western Mass.”

“I don’t trust the ridership estimates,” added John Garrett. “The people of Western Mass. are smart enough to know when they’re being fooled.”

All alternatives can be viewed,

with additional project information, at www.mass.gov/lists/east-west-passenger-rail-study-documents. Moving forward, the Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, Feb. 24, at 1 p.m., in the Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel to discuss the project. The six alternatives will be cut down to three finalists for the final report in April, which will be presented at another public informational meeting.

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Nomination papers available

WARREN / WEST BROOKFIELD – Town Clerks of Warren, Nancy J. Lowell, and West Brookfield, Sarah J. Allen, announced nomination papers are available on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, for the annual Town Election, which will be held on Tuesday, May 5.

Office hours to pick the papers are as follows: In Warren on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Thursday, from 1 to 6 p.m., and in West Brookfield on Mondays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Quaboag Regional School Committee nomination papers will be available for pick up on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Quaboag Regional/Middle High School Superintendent's Office, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. School Committee positions open are two members from Warren and two members from West Brookfield for three-year terms.

Early voting for Presidential Primary

WARREN – Early voting for the Presidential Primary Election will take place in the Town Clerk's office at the Shepard Municipal Building on High Street on the following days and times: Monday, Feb. 24, Tuesday, Feb. 25 and Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, from 1 to 6 p.m. And on Friday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please call the Town Clerk's office with any questions at 413-436-5701, ext. 3.

Quabaog Historical Society seeking award nominations

WEST BROOKFIELD – The Quaboag Historical Society is currently requesting nominations for the annual Lucy Stone Achievement Award and the Irving and Jane England Award.

Each year, the historical society recognizes its most impressive community leaders and volunteers with these two awards, which are presented at the society's annual April luncheon. The Lucy Stone Achievement Award is given annually in observance of the commonwealth's designation of Lucy Stone Day on March 8. Born on Coy Hill in West Brookfield, Stone worked tirelessly throughout her life to obtain equal rights for all individuals. She was a lecturer for abolitionist and equal rights groups, as well as the founder and editor of The Woman's Journal.

For the Lucy Stone Award, the Quaboag Historical Society requests nomination letters for any person living in one of the six Quaboag Plantation area towns (the four Brookfields, New Braintree and Warren). Residents are asked to nominate individuals whose volunteer efforts have helped make their communities better places to live. The nominating letters should provide a brief explanation of why the writer believes the nominee is deserving of the award. The name, address and phone number of both the

nominator and the nominee must be included in the letter.

"For this award, we are seeking nominees who have done an exemplary job of giving back through community service," said QHS Co-President Amy Dugas, who described the motto of the Lucy Stone Award as honoring residents who make the world a better place.

The Irving and Jane England Award, also presented annually by the QHS, is given each year to a resident of West Brookfield who has helped better the community through community service. Nomination regulations for this award are the same as those for the Lucy Stone award.

Dugas and other QHS leaders feel it's important to take a few moments each year to honor those who contribute countless hours to improving their communities.

"Those people willing to put in the time and get involved, and make a significant contribution to the community, should be recognized," Dugas added.

All nomination entries for the awards should be submitted to the QHS by Wednesday, March 18. The recipients will be invited to attend the QHS annual luncheon meeting.

Nomination letters should be mailed to The Quaboag Historical Society, P.O. Box 635, West Brookfield, MA, 01585.

Creative writing, publishing workshop

WEST BROOKFIELD – The fifth annual creative writing and publishing workshop will be held on Sunday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Salem Cross Inn in West Brookfield.

Local award-winning author Ed Londergan provides a full day of information. "The workshop will cover the entire writing and publishing process from how to develop ideas, story structure, character development, creation of atmosphere/location, how to put together a chapter, creating authentic dialogue, the flow of the book and how to hold readers interest," Londergan said. "With the great interest local writers have in getting published, I thought it's best to spend more time on that aspect than I have in past workshops.

Finding an agent, which is complicated and difficult, will also be addressed."

"The purpose of the workshop is to help those people who want to write but don't know where to start, or have had an idea for a story that's been bubbling in their head for years and finally want to put it on paper. I also help people that have written something and need to know how to move ahead."

The past workshops have been attended by a variety of people of all ages and occupations from 12-year-old students to 75-year-old retirees, all of whom have a story to tell.

"One of the things that past attendees have enjoyed and learned from is the writing exercises," Londergan said, "They

write about everything from their favorite holiday memory to their pets to what they had for breakfast." He uses fun writing prompts for the exercises.

"Back-and-forth discussion is always a popular part of the day. Attendees learn from each other. Individual issues or problems anyone is having with their writing are discussed and the group helps them with suggestions and observations. At times, there have been a lot of "that happened to me and here's what I did."

The cost is \$95 and lunch is included. The workshop is limited to 20 participants and registration is required. The registration deadline is March 7. To register email ed.londergan@gmail.com or call 508-864-8685.

Artists invited to enter Juried Spring Art Exhibit

\$4,300 in prizes to be awarded

MONSON – The Monson Arts Council 27th annual Juried Spring Art Exhibit and Sale is now accepting artist's entries.

The show, held in nine rooms in the House of Art on Main Street in Monson, will be open weekends April 4 to April 19. Will be closed on April 12. It will also be open on Thursday evenings, April 9 and April 16, from 5 to 8 p.m., in conjunction with special art show evenings at Main Street Tavern, Monson.

The Monson Arts Council show offers \$4,300 in prizes to artists in four major categories. A \$1,000 Best of Show tops the list of prizes, but the Council also offers four \$500 first prizes and four \$100 second prizes in painting, photography, multi-dimensional art (including sculpture, fiber art and ceramics) and graphic arts (drawing and printmaking). Also, \$800 is given in addition-

al prizes and a People's Choice Award is selected by visitors to the show opening.

Deadline for online entry of work to be hand delivered to the House of Art is March 4. Artists will deliver actual work on March 7. Cost to enter is \$25/one piece, \$35/ two pieces and \$45 three pieces. There is an additional \$15 fee for those who drop off work without prior entry form.

Artists who wish to deliver their work as digital images, may do so by March 11 at 8 p.m. Above fees apply for either hand delivery or digital entry. Specifications for digital image size may be found online.

Sales shop open to all entrants

The Monson Arts Council offers a sales shop at every spring show. New this year – all entrants, juried into show or not, are eligible to offer work for sales in this shop. Guidelines are on the website.

Jurors for this show are Cynthia Consentino who teaches art at University of Massachusetts, Amherst College and Holyoke

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"We just wanted to do something positive for my hometown," said Moryl. He had noted that one of the faces of the clock tower was out of sync with the other three, so with the assistance of Ware Building Inspector Anna Marques, he contacted Verdun Company to come in and inspect the clock tower. "I have always had a deep interest in historical buildings, having been involved in my local Historical Commission" said Marques. "The history of the bells and clock tower is quite intriguing."

The current Ware Town Hall was constructed from 1885 to 1886. In 1901, through a donation from the Storrs family, the bells and clock tower were installed. Last fall, after inspection of the clock, a detailed overview inspection of the bells was performed. "The bells themselves haven't rung in many years. The structural integrity of the bell support, a bracing of large preserved beams, was in good condition. The primary issue was the non-typical forged head bolts that support the bells to the beams.

There are four bells, totaling 3,000 lbs. "The largest bell weighs 1,300 pounds, the second 800 pounds, the third 600 pounds and the fourth 300 pounds," Moryl said. "The head bolts are custom forged, the craftsmanship and finesse is quite a process." The goal is the have the bells ring again for the annual Memorial Day program at Veteran's Park. "The project cost is to raise a total of just over \$28,000. The process to review, plan, forge and install the head bolts, along with new custom strikers will take 90 to 100 days.

The bells are stationary so strikers are used to sound the toll of each bell. "We had to have 50 percent of the cost in hand to make the deposit by the deadline of Feb. 18," Moryl said. "The 18th would be the start of the 90 to 100 day process.The response from the community, from individuals and businesses, has raised that initial deposit. We are truly excited and very grateful. We need to raise the second half of the project amount, but would like to finish the fundraising well before the deadline."

Marques added "it has been wonderful to hear from some many in the Ware community and outside of the Ware. It's about connecting with people. Even younger people are excited about this project and what is means to the history of our community and the future."



A view of one of the three bells with its striker in Ware Town Hall.



An up close shot of one of the Town Hall bells taken by Dennis Pariseau of Above the Law Aerial Photography, who has contributed photos of the tower, clock and bells from the air.

Moryl is focused on the upcoming installation. "Once the head bolts and strikers are installed, we will be grateful for the continued assistance of Ron Lamb for electrical guidelines and an additional commitment of needed electrical supplies from Lowes in Ware," he said. Moryl was also quick to give a shout-out to Dennis Pariseau of Above the Law Aerial Photography, who has been providing detail views of the tower and bells. Donations are welcomed, made payable to Town of Ware and mailed to Town of Ware, attn: BELLS, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, 01082.

"We believe we will reach the goal but are asking everyone to make a donation to



A close-up of one of the three Town Hall bells.

help this project and its sound come back to life, whether its \$5, \$50 or \$500, every bit will help," said Moryl. "To have the bells toll once more and continue to toll in memory of Ware's fallen sons and daughters and to have the bells ring our many more times for the community to enjoy, that is a sound many of us are patiently but eagerly awaiting."

HCC Foundation opens 2020-21 scholarship season

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Community College (HCC) Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 academic year.

More than \$200,000 in awards is available for incoming, continuing and transferring HCC students. The application deadline is Wednesday, March 25.

Students must be currently enrolled at HCC or have been accepted for the upcoming academic year to be eligible for scholarships, which are awarded through the HCC Foundation, HCC's nonprofit fundraising corporation.

Applicants need only fill out a single online form to be automatically matched with the scholarships they are most qualified to receive. There are

scholarships for new students, current students and students transferring to other institutions, scholarships based on financial need, scholarships for students in specific majors, scholarships for residents of certain communities and scholarships that recognize academic achievement.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, the HCC Foundation awarded \$223,000 in scholarships to 231 students.

To begin the application process, people should go to www.hcc.edu/scholarships.

Questions should be directed to the HCC Foundation office at 413-552-2182 or Donahue 170 on the HCC campus, 303 Homestead Avenue.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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worked in oils, pastels, and acrylics, after experiencing the exciting technique of watercolor, she works primarily in the medium now. She also offers classes in watercolor at Workshop13's Cultural Arts Center at 13 Church St in Ware.

One of her paintings on display at the Saturday event was "Wells Little Marsh House," about which she had written: "I have painted this view many times, mostly in the evening trying to capture the fabulous sunsets. This one is just before sunset when the sky turns to reds and oranges. It is the marsh view from behind our summer rental on Wells Beach, Maine. Our neighbors joke that we must have 1,000 photos of it, always spectacular, always different. It's one of our family's favorite spots, our "happy place."

Gary Lippincott's watercolor piece "A Fairy Love" had a quote that was attributed to Lunaea Wetherstone from The Victorian Tarot: "Time drifts by unheeded, and the sweethearts are floating in an idyll of infatuation and breathless love." His work has been featured in prominent fantasy and science fiction publications and on labels for imported beers and ales. His artwork has the style of old-fashioned craftsmanship often found in folk and fairy tales. In addition to his two-dimensional work, Lippincott has dabbled in sculpture and creating one-of-a-kind marionettes. His art hangs in numerous galleries and had been purchased by collectors worldwide.

Roc Goudreau's oil painting called "Salome," a partially nude woman, was one of the artist's contributions to the event. His comments about the piece were: "I love beauty. I love trying to capture it in my paintings. I like to focus on the light. I believe that love and beauty are eternal, something we should aspire to and not turn away from out of lack of courage or embarrassment. It makes life a more pleasurable experience."

Goodreau was born in Ware, where he started his career at a very young age. After studying painting with Elizabeth Howe Lincoln, he went on to study drawing under Dean G. Keller at Lynde Academy of Fine Arts. During the last 40 years, he has made a living as a professional artist. He is a



Enjoying conversation and a glass of wine at Workshop 13's ArtWorks Gallery are artist Susan Tilton Pecora, of Three Rivers, and James Homan, of Westfield. Homan is an artist, actor, and author. The painting of a red tricycle hanging on the wall behind the couple is one of Pecora's works.

longtime member of Western Mass Illustrators Guild and one of the founders of Workshop13. He teaches various art classes, including painting and drawing for adults and children.

Medeiros works in a variety of mediums including oil, pastel, watercolor, scratch board and acrylics. She has a love affair with Alaska, according to the comments she wrote about her piece called "Alaska 1." "I chose this subject after returning from Alaska, a place I fell in love with while I was there. The enormous vast wilderness and majestic mountains back-dropped a rugged terrain dotted with a spectacular range of values and color. Definitely eye candy for any artist. Plan to do a series and return to Alaska someday."

Artist Susan Tilton Pecora's inspiration for one of her favorite works was a painting of a house she recalled at one time was owned by the Moulson family. The house was located on West Street in Ware, approximately where Taco Bell is now situated. She says that she was "obsessed" with that house, and she recounts her emotional attachment to it with these words: "In the 1980s I fell in love with a house. I would drive by it on my way to downtown Ware. I loved



Artist Susan Pecora said that in the 1980s she fell in love with a house that was owned by the Moulson family in Ware. It was located where the Taco Bell Restaurant now stands. In fact, she said that she was "obsessed" with the house. Pecora's art work has been exhibited throughout the country, winning numerous awards. She enjoys painting streets, harbors, factories, and farms of New England.

the play of light and shadows on the front porch and the way it sat

in the center of a field surrounded by an old pine tree and a hay field. Eventually I became close friends with Sylvia, one of the owners. While I sketched and painted, she would regale me with stories of growing up in the house her grandfather had built. The old pine tree, just next to the porch, was referred to the "birthday tree," where she and her siblings would have birth-



Turley Publications correspondent photos by Lauretta R. St. George-Sorel
In the upper left-hand corner is a painting by Loretta Medeiros called "Alaska 1," which, according to the artist, was a place of "enormous vast wilderness and majestic mountains." She fell in love with Alaska and plans to return someday. Medeiros is a director at ArtWorks Gallery.

day parties beneath its branches, gifts hanging down from its lower boughs. I painted that tree and I painted that house in every season. I painted it under a full moon and during a snowstorm. As I sat painting the kitchen window early one spring day, I wondered about the twine affixed to the ground and tacked up under the side of the kitchen window. In summer, I was delighted to see the morning glories blooming on the vines surrounding the window. Season after season, the house seemed to have a rhythm all its own. Ultimately, progress prevailed; Sylvia moved to a home closer to her daughter out west, and the house lay dormant for a number of years, eventually being knocked down to accommodate a parking lot and fast food shops, but I still see the beautiful old farm house and the fruits and trees surrounding it when I drive past."

Pecora has been painting the streets, harbors, factories and farms of New England throughout her

life. She is a signature member of the New England Watercolor Society, host of the WGBY-PBS affiliate TV show, "Reflections through Watercolor," and a member of the Copley Square Society in Boston. Her paintings have been exhibited throughout the country, winning awards at the National Art League in New York, the San Diego Art Association, and the Rocky Mountain Association, among others. Thirteen of her paintings were used to create a calendar for Willie Nelson's Farm Aid.

Other artists whose work was on display at Saturday's event included Linda Spelko, Peter Mayberry, Elizabeth Howe Lincoln, Yoshi Kogo, Linda Graves, Bevlynn Gallant, Curt Emerson, Tod Beall, Juliet Bacchas, Deborah Rubin, Kara Bigda and Kathleen Dequence Anderson.

The artists' work will be on display through February 27. Be sure to stop in and fall in love.

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Chris Abbuhl, Customer Service/Receptionist

Chris Abbuhl grew up in a small town in central New York State. He got his start in the veterinary field as a teenager when he started spending time on farm animal calls with the three partners at the Cazenovia Animal Hospital. When there was an opening at the hospital, he was hired to assist with pet animal treatments, answer the phone, admit and discharge boarders, and clean kennels.



Throughout the rest of his time in high school years he spent as much time at the animal hospital and on farm calls as he could on both a paid and unpaid basis. Shortly after earning his bachelor's degree in business management and marketing, Chris was hired at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine where he worked in an administrative role for about eight years. After long career in higher education administration at Cornell and two other institutions, Chris was looking for a part-time position and joined Canterbury Tails Veterinary Clinic and the Belchertown Veterinary Hospital as receptionist. He is really enjoying helping clients and their pets again as part of our team. Chris resides in Belchertown with his husband and their rescue hound, Mamie. In his spare time, Chris enjoys reading, camping, biking, and hiking.

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Rams spoil senior night for Indians

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

WARE – Entering the second meeting of the regular season with Bi-County West rival Granby, the Ware Indians only needed a win to clinch a berth in the Western Mass. Division 4 boys basketball tournament. The Rams needed two victories in order to punch their postseason ticket.

The Rams moved a step closer to reaching their goal with a 59-41 road win, which spoiled the Indians senior night celebration, last Wednesday.

“This is our ninth win of the season and that’s the most important thing for us tonight,” said Granby head coach Tim Sheehan. “We haven’t had our whole team for most of the season and we were missing two guys in tonight’s game. I just saw a side of my team that I’ve been waiting to see for a long time. We played with a lot of energy and we were very unselfish. It was also our best defensive performance of the season.”

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Cam Bilicki and James Berthiaume team up to commandeer the rebound.



Andrew Soltys fights through the defense toward the paint.

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Quabbin Panthers capture another league title

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School boys indoor track team has taken the league championship once again, winning as a team by more than 50 points.

Late last month, the Panthers capped off a perfect 4-0 meet season with the league victory. The Panthers crowned several first and second place finishers, leading to the league championship.

Lars Jenkins took first place in the high jump, and was part of the 4 by 400 relay team that took first place.

Bean Weah won the 55 meter, Elliot Walsh won first place in the 1,000 meter and the one mile, and Owen Mahoney took first in the two-mile. Owen Faulha took second in the shot put. Ben Hood got second for the 500 meter, and the 4 by 200 team came in second place.

“We have a very balanced team with throwers, jumpers, sprinters, and runners,” said coach Matt Castriotta. “They are talented and



The Quabbin Regional High School boys indoor track team won first place in their league meet late last month. It was the second straight league title for the Panthers.

work very well together.”

Quabbin would finish third in the district this year, but it was the second straight league title for the Panthers. Castriotta was very pleased with the progress made by the Panthers this year.

“Owen Mahoney had a great finish to the season,” said Castriotta. “Last year he was

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Western Mass. tournament important to area athletic directors, coaches

Editor’s note: This is the final article of a four-part series to break down the statewide tournament proposal, what it is, its effect on the Western Mass. region, the challenges, and how your athletic directors and coaches feel about it.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

REGION — One representative from each of the 380 MIAA member high schools will be voting on the new statewide tournament proposal on Feb.

28 at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School located in Marlborough.

Several Western Mass. athletic directors and coaches have expressed their concerns about the new plan. At the top of the list is how the new statewide tournament will impact the future of the Western Mass. tournaments.

“I think the Tournament Management Committee has done a tremendous job of putting together this proposal and they’ve done their research,” said Ludlow

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Lydia Boland fires a pass to an open player.

Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com

Warriors take down Cougars

By Chris Drosehn
Sports Correspondent

WARREN – It was Senior Night in Warren at Quaboag Regional where the girls varsity basketball squad of Quaboag took on Tantasqua Regional High School. The basketball took a back seat to the night for seniors of the home team, Quaboag. Unfortunately for the Lady Cougars, they did not come away with a win against Tantasqua suffering a 52-40 loss.

The two seniors playing in their final regular season home game for Quaboag are Kiarra Dorman and Adeline Ford.

“They’re the greatest kids to be able to coach. You couldn’t ask for two better players. They’re going to be missed,” said head coach William Beauregard.

After a defensive rebound, it seemed that the team would have to finish out senior night without Dorman in front of a raucous crowd. She appeared to hurt her ankle after the rebound, but was able to return to the game after sitting out for the end of the first quarter.

Dorman was able to overcome the injury and led Quaboag in points with 23.

The game itself was a very physical game. Frustrations mounted as Quaboag could’t find any offensive traction. There were



Julissa DeLeon dribbles downcourt.

some shoves exchanged while the ball was live, and the referees tried their best to keep the game in order.

“It kind of got out of hand there. We lost control of it a little bit” said Beauregard. “In the end, nobody did anything too crazy and we were able to finish it.”

Quaboag has earned themselves a spot in the District tournament this year, so it is not the end of the season for them by any means. The team is hopeful for a deep run into the tournament and to let the careers for both Dorman and Ford end on a higher note than this game.

INDIANS CARRYING MOMENTUM INTO TOURNAMENT



Olivia Vadnais drives for a layup.



Aidyn Welsh shoots through the defense.



Chelsea Orszulak gets ready to clutch this loose ball.



Audrey LaValley shoots a jumper.

WARE – The Ware High School girls basketball team headed into its final game earlier this week on an impressive seven-game winning streak. One of those wins was on Feb. 4, a 50-34 triumph over Southwick. Aidyn Welsh had 16 points while Chelsea Orszulak had 10 points. The Indians are 14-5 and are likely to draw a home game to start the tournament.

Chamberlain leads Panthers past Oakmont

By Karen A. Lewis
Sports Correspondent

BARRE - It was the hottest spot to be in Barre on a cold winter night last Wednesday, when the Quabbin boys' basketball team defeated Oakmont, 57-50 in an exciting overtime match up, rightfully earning the Mid Wach C league championship crown.

"It was a fun game and a great experience," said Quabbin senior captain T.J. Chamberlain, who knocked in a game high 22 points. "Everyone contributed and helped, whether by scoring or other ways, so that was good to see. It was something we waited all season for."

The stakes were much higher for the two teams when they met for the second time this season, with both the Panthers and Spartans sharing identical 6-1 league records and both wanting the sole spot as victors in the league.

"Our team had worked exceptionally hard this season and in the off-season to place them-



Quabbin senior captain T.J. Chamberlain keeps his eyes on the hoop as he shoots a pair of free throws.

selves in the position of playing for a league championship in the final home game," Quabbin head coach Dennis Dextrateur said, as the win bumped the team to 15-4, 7-1, while Oakmont dropped to 12-6, 6-2. "Oakmont is a good team with a very exceptional coaching staff and talented players, but I think our players knew that Oakmont wasn't 24 points better than us. We needed to make adjustments from the first time we played them and focused on doing just that at practice."

Only four weeks prior, Quabbin fell to Oakmont on the road in what resulted in their worst regular season loss of 58-34. The host team was obviously looking to avenge that, finally coming alive at the end of the second quarter last Wednesday, cutting an earlier 15-8 first quarter Oakmont lead down to three at the half (29-26).

The Panthers inched their way back in the third, never quite taking the lead, but knotting the score three times, beginning in the opening seconds of action with Chamberlain nailing a three-point-er to tie things at 29 all.

"The pressure 1-3-1 zone really bothered us the first time we played them," stated Dextrateur. "We manufactured a new offense that we felt better utilized and spaced our personnel - it effectively reduced our turnovers. Defensively we worked on a 3-2 match up zone. We generally don't play much zone defense, however in assessing our chances to win this game, we felt it would contain their dribble penetration."

Things heated up again at the top of the fourth when Panther Shea Skowrya was fed the ball after a quick steal by teammate and senior captain Croix Jenkins, enabling Skowrya to get the points and take the lead with 7:21 left to go.

The Spartans had to finally call a time out about two minutes later after Quabbin continued their momentum, stretching the spread to 42-36 after a 7-0 run.

"I got kind of hot (shooting) for a little while, finishing with 14 points, but really it was my teammates who helped me do it by giving me great passes inside," Skowrya said.

Unfortunately for the Panthers, the visitors were not going down quietly, as they rebooted and started to make their way back, hitting a few crucial treys while eating up the clock, pushing the score 49-48 with over a minute left.

Things still looked within



Panther Brendan Whitelaw charges down the court.

reach for Quabbin as sophomore Connor Geary was sent to the line, adding a point for a 50-48 game, then Spartan sophomore Quentin Pridgen (team high 16 points) tied things up 50-50 with 35 seconds left, sending the two teams into overtime.

"We needed to be careful as a team of Quentin Pridgen," said Skowrya. "He is a very good athlete. My job was to be a rebounder and give the team second and third chances at scoring."

Not only did Skowrya do that by racking up a double-double, 14 points and 12 rebounds, he helped keep the Spartans scoreless in OT, with an impressive basket after teammate Geary chipped in his two points on the foul line, with Chamberlain closing out the game with the final three points made at the charity stripe.

"Playing the zone and not turning the ball over were two major factors," Chamberlain said of the win. "I felt good about my shot going into the game and put in much preparation, so it paid off."

Although the Panthers were only 13 from 21 from the free

throw line, they were 11 for 14 from the line in the fourth quarter and OT.

"Balanced scoring was a key for us in this game," Dextrateur said, mentioning everyone's valuable contributions when needed. "T.J. was immense on offense and put the game away from the foul line, Dylan Hoekstra and Max Leroux made the tactical adjustments to break down Oakmont's defense, Croix Jenkins was outstanding on defense (with 10 rebounds) and a key contributor with his assists on offense."

"Once again, Connor Geary came in the game to provide instant offers with 14 points," continued Dextrateur. "Both Connor and Brendan Whitelaw were exceptional in limiting Oakmont's deep scoring threats and gave us a strong effort defensively, and Devin Pride and Ryan Kowal gave us strong minutes on the court."

After a visit to the Clark Tournament this week, Quabbin now prepares for the post season, with assignments and seedings announced this weekend.

BONDVILLE BOWLING NEWS

By Dave Smigiel

The Incredibowls have extended their Western division lead after they surprised No. 1 Roll-A-Way 7-0. In the first, it was Steve Swistak's 129 along with Peter Swistak's 116 that countered Phil Clough's super 146 resulting in a win by 25 pins. They secured the second by 10 as Aaron Plankey's 103 and Pete's 111 was just enough despite Kylie Josefiak's 113 and Dan Josefiak's 112. Dan with 120 and Kylie with 106 just came up short in the finale as Steve's 104 and Pete's 102 settled the issue by eight. Pete topped his squad at 329 with Steve right behind at 326. Phil led his quartet at 344 with Dan at 336 and Kylie 314. Pinfall by 43 in Roll-A-Way's first seven-point loss of the year.

Meanwhile the Narutowicz took five from the Cannonballs. All four barmen topped 300 with Lee Robinson their best at 328 (124 and 112 singles). Harry McKeon aided with his 314 which included singles of 120 and 106 while Dan Trzpit added 119 and 312 and Cricket 121 and 307. Micah Hincley was the lone bright spot for the Cannonballs as his 317 included a dynamite 135 opener. The Towicz now find themselves three off the pace in the West.

In the Central, Sandri decided the Fans of Kayce Smith 4-3. Sandri took the opener handily as Sean Andersen's 113, Roland Horton's 101, Randy Harper's 102 and Sue Horton's 110 offset Mike Nicholson's 110 and Tom Clauson's

125. Brian Rowe, back from vacation, registered a 133 second and this together with James Nester's 140 had the Fans looking good until Sean responded with 106 and Randy 116. Still trailing, Sue pulled it out by four with her timely 124. She finished with a 108 third (342) but the Fans got the better of it as Mike's 111 and James' 133 was plenty for a 42-pin victory which enabled them to take the pin-fall point by a baker's dozen. James was on top for the Fans at 370 with both Mike and Brian at 316 and Tom 308. Sean recorded 311 and Randy 308 for Sandri.

The Night Hawks slipped past the Snappers 5-2. The Snappers came out firing on all cylinders by opening with a 516 and an easy W. Ryan Balicki's 123, Kevin Krasnecky's 115 and Rusty Lambert's 133 contributed to the big number. Gavin Sinclair's 120, Dave Fennyery's 121 and Darryl Sinclair's 107 fell short. Ryan with 104 and Kras with 109 began the second for the shellmen but the Hawks would answer with a 515 of their own. Doug Grigas' 104, Dave's 120 and Gavin's fantastic 156, which included a triple strike, did the trick for the Hawks. The rubber game was decided by sixteen for the Hawks as Gavin's 115 (391 trifecta) and Darryl's 122 countered Kras' 110 and Rusty's 101. Kras topped the shellmen at 334 with Russ at 321 and Blick 319. Dave F. totaled 340 and Darryl 317 for the victorious Hawks who won pinfall by 44.

MIAA Bracketology returning soon

REGION - March Madness is coming, and for the second straight year, Turley Sports will bring you "MIAA bracketology."

In two weeks, in our February 27 and 28 issues of all Turley Publications papers, the sports department will be presenting its picks for the MIAA Western Massachusetts Tournaments. There will be four brackets for boys basketball, and four brackets for girls basketball.

The brackets will detail our picks to make it all the way to our own sectional championships, held right at the famed Curry Hicks Cage on the campus of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Will we be right, or will we be wrong? Who knows. But we sincerely hope our readers enjoy following the progress of the Western Mass. tournament, that is one of the most popular tournaments that takes place in the year. Whether it is Division

1 or Division 4, the basketball tournaments are some of most exciting action of the year.

The brackets we will be presenting in two weeks will reflect simple guesses on the part of Turley Sports with short commentary below each bracket to explain our brackets. We encourage you to compare our brackets to your own. We hope you enjoy watching the tournament unfold from Feb. 24 when the first round is scheduled to begin, all the way to Curry Hicks Cage on March 7 and 8.

The tournament brackets are scheduled to be released on Saturday, Feb. 22. The Turley Sports bracketology will be prepared the following day prior to the start of the tournament, and then will be available online through our turley.com website and will be published in the papers available Thursday, Feb. 27 and Friday, Feb. 28. Happy tournament to all!

State tournament information meeting scheduled for Feb. 24

REGION - The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) Tournament Management Committee (TMC) has scheduled the regional meetings. These meetings will include an overview presentation of the Statewide Tournament Proposal provided by members of the MIAA TMC, followed by a question-and-answer session.

These informational meetings

are a great opportunity to enhance understanding of the Statewide Tournament Proposal and provide feedback to the TMC. The meetings are open to Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Officials and Media.

The Western Massachusetts meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 24 at Chicopee Comprehensive High School at 6 p.m.

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injured most of the season. He was back to his old self at the championship meet. Lukas Anderson improved dramatically over last year in the 800, 1000 and mile. Hector Johnson was very valuable in multiple events. In one season of hurdling, he became one of the best in central Mass. He also became a six-foot high jumper, a 21' long jumper and learned to throw the shot put."

The Panthers also placed several competitors in the state competition this season.

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Athletic Director Tim Brillo. "The biggest concern in this area is making sure that we can maintain the Western Mass. Championships. I'm hoping we'll still be able to do that."

If the new tournament plan does pass on the Feb. 28, a Western Mass. tournament could still possibly be held during the final week of the regular season in each team sport.

"It might be like how the NCAA does it now in basketball," added Brillo, who's currently a member of the MIAA Board of Directors. "They hold a conference tournament prior to the start of the NCAA tournament. I'm really hoping that we can do the same type of thing with all of our sports. Changes are always scary and difficult."

At its January meeting, the Board of Directors voted 14-3 in favor of the statewide tournament proposal.

Brillo isn't really sure what the outcome of the vote will be on Feb. 28.

If the new statewide plan is approved, it will go into effect at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Currently the winner of each Division of the Western Mass. tournaments faces the winning team of the Central Mass. tournament in the state semifinals. The winner of that contest plays the Eastern Mass. champion in the state finals.

"There are some inequities on how a team currently gets into the tournament," Brillo said. "There is a seeding inequity and there is a difference in number of games played, especially in Eastern Mass., to get to the state finals."

Under the new statewide plan, the top 32 teams in each Division will be ranked by Maxpreps and they'll automatically qualify for the postseason tournament. All of the other teams that finish with a .500 or better record will also qualify for the tournament. The teams will

be put in four brackets similar to the NCAA basketball tournament.

The finals of the Western Mass. girls and boys basketball tournaments are currently held at the historic Curry Hicks Cage located on the UMass-Amherst campus. It's the one place all of the varsity basketball players from Western Mass. dreams about playing a game at that special venue.

"All of our basketball teams have really enjoyed the experience of playing at the Cage in the past," said Ware boys varsity basketball coach Gene Rich. "It would be nice if we're able to keep the Western Mass. tournament. You could play one of your rivals in the tournament. I would hate to break up something that works."

Rich is also the Principal at Ware High School.

All of the Western Mass. tournaments are run by the PVIAC.

Lou Conte is the PVIAC Executive Secretary and Jeff Boudway is the PVIAC Administrative Assistant.

"The PVIAC has done a great job and it has been commended many times by the MIAA for the way it conducts business in this part of the state," Rich said. "They do the tournament seedings and make the tournament schedules for each sport."

The Central Mass. basketball tournament is normally held at the Harrington Auditorium located on the W.P.I. campus in Worcester. A longtime Central Mass. girls varsity basketball coach always says that playing a tournament game at W.P.I. is like going to Disney World for his players.

The Clark Tournament, which is held during the February school vacation week, is another popular basketball tournament in Central Massachusetts.

All of the high schools will have to insert their win and loss records to Maxpreps in order for the new system to be successful.

The first and second finishers in almost every league also currently qualify for the postseason tourna-

ment, but that will no longer take place under the new plan.

Minnechaug Regional High School Athletic Director Michael Roy said he would like to see more clarity on the way Maxpreps will choose rankings.

"They have not really clarified the format Maxpreps will use to judge the games," said Roy. "That makes it hard to judge this tournament proposal."

The South Hadley girls basketball team will finish the regular season with a below .500 overall record, but they still clinched a berth in the Western Mass. Division 3 tournament by finishing in second place in the Suburban League.

While Brillo is the Athletic Director of a large high school that currently competes at the Division 1 and 2 levels, Rich coach's basketball at a smaller high school that competes at the Division 4 level in most sports.

"It might be a struggle for a smaller high schools like us," said Rich. "Financially, it could put a little bit of a burden on our athletic budget if we're forced to travel to Eastern Mass. to play a tournament game. It's the same problem for every small high school in the state and we'll just have to think outside the box."

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton and South Hadley High School Athletic Director Eric Castonguay have both said they are opposed to the proposal. Castonguay believes the proposal only benefits the eastern part of the state. Stratton says the Western Mass. tournament is important to the region.

"Even though the sectional tournament would change the path to a state final to be more equitable," said Stratton. "I feel the sectional playoff process works."

No matter the outcome of the vote on Feb. 28, the landscape of high school sports in Western Massachusetts will probably be changing during the next couple of years.

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Mass Farm Bureau sweeps awards of excellence

MARLBOROUGH – Staff, leadership and volunteers at the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) once again demonstrated their excellence as the organization made a clean sweep of the American Farm Bureau Federation’s State Awards of Excellence. These annual awards are meant to recognize state Farm Bureaus that have gone above in beyond in their implementation and completion of projects in four program areas.

“The strength of Farm Bureau comes from our staff, leadership and membership base and these awards help to demonstrate that,” said MFBF president Mark Amato. “For more than a decade, we have made a clean sweep of these awards and I am proud to see this continue. I’m already looking forward to a productive 2020, in which many of these programs will be continued and new projects will be undertaken to further our organization’s goals and mission.”

The programs areas include advocacy; membership value; leadership and business development; and engagement and outreach. To apply a state Farm Bureau must submit a written application that explains the programs in each of these areas that the organization implemented and completed during the past year. Measurement of results are also submitted and taken into consideration.

Below are examples of projects that MFBF submitted for consideration under each program area.

This year’s application reviewed MFBF’s successes this legislative session with a special focus composting, science-based pesticide regulations and labor regulation challenges.

This submission also included events, such as Agriculture Day at the Statehouse and Livestock On The Common, and an overview of the success MFBF has seen using an electronic platform to request written testimony from members

to be sent to Massachusetts legislature.

Under this category, the submission focused on membership recruitment and retention efforts, such as mailers and events.

It also focused on the use of electronic mediums, such as the organization’s website, Facebook and Twitter, to recruit new members, as well as other strategies developed by MFBF’s membership committee.

This application focused on educational courses and events, many of which focused on developing leadership abilities in farmer members as well as assisted them with new business management strategies.

Much of this application discussed projects undertaken by the state’s Promotion and Education committee including membership webinars and success guides for county

Finally, it also discussed legislative events including Agriculture Day at the Statehouse, Livestock on the Common and educational events, such as County Farm Bureau sponsored tractor rides.

These awards will be presented in January during American Farm Bureau Federation’s annual meeting, which will be held in Austin, Texas. MFBF president Mark Amato will accept these awards on behalf of the organization.

The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation is a non-profit organization representing nearly 6,000 family members across the Commonwealth. MFBF is an advocate for farmers, run by farmer members who develop policies through its grassroots process. Its mission is “to protect the rights, encourage the growth, and be of service to its members, in the best interest of agriculture.”

For more information about the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, people may visit www.mfbf.net.

Babysitters Academy set for April 21

WARE – Baystate Mary Lane will sponsor a Babysitters Academy in April to ready area youth for spring and summer babysitting responsibilities. The one day program will take place Tuesday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Main Conference Room located on the second floor.

The Babysitters Academy is a certified babysitter program for young adults ages 11 ½ to 16. The Tuesday session offers potential babysitters instruction in baby care, first aid, CPR, fire safety, home security, child

behavior and accident prevention.

Participants are given a course booklet containing helpful tips and other information, and will receive a graduation certificate upon completion of the course. The program is offered by the Parenting Education Program at Baystate Medical Center. There is a \$75 fee per student, then \$30 for each additional family or group member. Space is limited. For more information or to register, visit baystatehealth.org/parented and click on Infant and Child Care or call 413-794-5515.

Purple ribbons to adorn Quabbin towns

By Karen A. Lewis
Correspondent

BARRE - Purple will once again be making a statement throughout local communities as numerous volunteers have begun to gear up for the sixth annual Purple for Prevention Week, happening March 2 through the 7.

“Purple for Prevention Week is an annual celebration of youth in our community choosing to remain substance free,” said Nehr Jenkins, chairperson of Q-DRUG, the sponsoring organization of the event. “Beginning with elementary students learning to make healthy choices in their own best interest, all the way through high school, reinforcing the message that they are good enough to never need substances to be better, different or other than exactly who they are.”

What was initially called Project Purple, inspired by the Chris Herren project that also shares a similar mantra, evolved into something that Q-DRUG can call its’ own.

“Project Purple is a copyright infringement, so we have moved on to using Purple for Prevention instead,” explained Jenkins. “The Herren Project is still active, and we work closely with them as often as possible, however we chose to stick with the Purple for Prevention rather than a specific company or organization.”

The other slight change has

been moving the celebration week from January to March, enabling the weather (although with New England one never knows) to be kinder to the helpers who are not only donating their time, but also braving the elements to hang purple decorations throughout their communities.

The week will actually kick off on the last Friday in February for select grades at Quabbin Middle/High School in Barre when the Chris Herren Documentary, “The First Day” will be presented.

“The movie will be shown first thing in the day, during flex block, which allows students or teachers to seek support or work through any concerns that may arise from this emotionally charged film,” stated Jenkins. “It is the goal of the school and of Q-DRUG to offer support, while really encouraging students to take a closer look at the choices they may be making and how to make better choices going forward if needed.”

Save the dates, as two programs will be offered to the community. On Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00 p.m., Vaping - What is it? Why is it such a big deal?, will be presented by Melinda Calianos, Program Coordinator of Hampshire Franklin Tobacco – Free Community Partnership, at Quabbin Regional Central Office, 872 South Street in Barre.

The program will highlight the

ongoing news coverage of vaping, the recent ban, new laws, the Attorney General’s lawsuit against JUUL, the health concerns and the rising number of young people who are using. Topics also to be addressed include other rules and regulations of vaping and why there is a growing concern between community leaders and public health officials about the increasing youth involvement.

Two days later, on Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Barre Senior Center, located on 557 South Barre Road in Barre, Your Story Matters – An Ice Cream Social and Shared Experiences of Recovery, will be presented by people in the community.

“Your story is important, and this is an opportunity to share it with your community,” said Jenkins. “Please come share your own personal experiences with recovery – your own or that of a family member or loved one.”

Both events are free, open to people of all ages, with the ice cream social sponsored by Wholesome Farmers Market and Becki’s Bistro.

Beginning on March 2 and running through Friday of that week, students of Quabbin middle and high school will have the option of signing a banner during their lunch block pledging to make good choices. After signing, they will receive a lanyard that reads, “The future

will be decided by the choices you make today.”

Quabbin district elementary students from kindergarten through grade six will receive a lanyard with, “Proud to Be Me” inscribed on it and preschool students will be gifted each a purple duck.

Both the lanyards and the ducks will be provided in support of Purple for Prevention Week and Q-DRUG.

This Saturday, Feb. 22, volunteers will be out in full force decorating throughout their designated towns. Some groups could still use help and Jenkins strongly encourages people to either visit their facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/QuabbinDrugResponse/> or email Quabbin.drug@gmail.com if they would like to volunteer or simply find out more about Q-DRUG or Purple for Prevention Week.

Hubbardston residents also have the option of their town volunteers decorating personal mailboxes with purple ribbons to show support for the cause. Interested parties should contact Randi Marcinkiewicz at jrmarcin@charter.net if interested.

As the week depletes a good portion of the minimal funds Q-DRUG has, the 501c3 organization is always looking for support, both financial and through volunteers. Donations would be gratefully accepted with checks made out to Q-DRUG and mailed to P.O. Box 326, Barre, Ma, 01005.

Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary 2020 winter lecture series

WALES – Winter lectures at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary are offered on Saturdays at 1:30pm. Please RSVP by calling 413-267-9654. The lectures are free; however, attendees are asked that to bring a canned good or non-perishable food item to support the local food pantry. In case of inclement weather please call ahead, check our Facebook page or visit www.norcrosswildlife.org.

Saturday, Feb. 22
The New Jersey pine barrens at a glance

The pine barrens of New Jersey have long been known for its botanical richness and unique character. With over one million acres of protected lands, this “wilderness” sits within 25 miles of Philadelphia and 30 miles of New York City. Uli Lorimer, director of horticulture for Native Plant Trust, will touch upon some of the conservation work being done within the pines, some of the field work conducted on behalf of the Torrey Botanical Society and a showcase

of the wonderful flora that can be found there.

Saturday, Feb. 29
Understanding the fascinating life cycle of native plants

Heather McCargo, founder and executive director of Wild Seed Project, will show you the fascinating reproductive life cycle of different types of New England native plants. She will explain how we can change our landscape practices to support wild plant reproduction, pollinators, and other wildlife. Come and learn about outdoor seed sowing that anyone can do to help increase native plant populations. Growing native plants from seed is a great way to protect the genetic diversity of our native flora and to produce an abundance of plants inexpensively. Be part of a grass-roots movement to sow native seeds.

Saturday, March 7
Design-less gardening: a naturalistic approach

Disregard traditional design rules and adopt a new approach to

garden design. Look to nature for inspiration. What clues can be taken from the landscape to help a site thrive? Learn to evaluate sunlight, moisture, soil and other factors to encourage a successful garden that does not require many inputs in the way of watering, fertilizing and extra coddling. Dan Jaffe, Norcross horticulturist and propagator, will show attendees how to create a low maintenance garden that actively supports the environment and provides beauty for all-- people and pollinators alike.

Saturday, March 14
You, me and climate change

Climate Change: It’s what’s for dinner.. Not just tonight but every night for the foreseeable future. Since we know what’s being served up we may as well come up with a creative menu to deal with or mitigate the changes to come. Excess CO2 is not the problem; it’s a symptom as are the extreme weather patterns. Fossil fuel is only a fraction of the excess carbon in the atmosphere. Trevor Smith, lead design-

er at Land Escapes Design, will go past the scary numbers and the heartbreaking photographs of emaciated polar bears floating alone on a piece of ice and break out individuals can do. He makes it clear that the power to slow or stop climate change doesn’t rest solely in the hands of government and will leave everyone inspired and empowered to take action.

Saturday, March 21
Bare trees and naked shrubs

No leaves? No problem! Boot Boutwell, a freelance itinerant naturalist and educator, will show attendees how to use a combination of branching patterns, bud and bark characteristics, habitat, persistent fruits, galls and marcescent leaves to help identify woody plants in winter. Attendees will use both bud and twig samples to study the subjects. While this is an indoor presentation, there will be the option to go for a walk afterward.

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It was the second fewest points allowed by the Rams this season. They gave up 36 points in a non-league home victory against Pioneer Valley Christian in the third game of the regular season.

Granby battled Ware in last week’s contest without senior guard Luis Gaj and junior forward Dylan Moriarty.

The Rams, who swept the season series against the Indians, began the final week of the regular season with 10-8 overall record. They finished with a 3-5 league record. Their only other league win came at Monson at the beginning of January.

The Rams secured a berth in the Division 4 tournament two nights later by posting a 67-50 non-league road win versus Bay State Academy.

The Indians (10-9, 4-4) also qualified for the post-season tournament, which starts next week, last Friday night. They snapped a two-game losing streak with a 74-69 overtime road win against Monson.

The tournament pairings are scheduled to be announced on Saturday.



Photos by Jack Cascio NEAPsmugmug.com
James Berthiaume fights for the rebound.

The Indians only senior this year is James Berthiaume. He rejoined the varsity team this winter after not playing basketball a year ago.

“James was a member of the varsity basketball team as a sophomore and he decided to comeback this year after taking last year off,” said Ware head coach Gene Rich. “He has done a lot of positive things for our program this year and we really enjoy having him on our team.”

Following the pre-game ceremony honoring Berthiaume, who scored three points, the Rams built a 10-1 lead in the middle of the first quarter.

Sophomore guard Brandon Wishart, who scored a game-high 19 points, made two of his five 3-pointers during that run, which were sandwiched around baskets by sophomore guard’s Ryan Gaughan (9 points) and Nate Breault (16 points).

The Indians responded with a 14-5 run of their own. Sophomore guard Andrew Soltys, who scored a team-leading 16 points, began the second quarter by hitting a 3-pointer from the left corner. He then made a short jumper tying the score at 15-15.

The Rams quickly retook the lead following a lay-up by freshman forward Carter White. He was the third member of his team to reach double figures with 10 points.

“I thought Carter played very well in tonight’s game,” Sheehan said. “He scored a couple of key baskets and he also had a couple of big defensive rebounds.”

With 3:25 remaining in the first half, Wishart, who scored 14 points before halftime, buried a 3-pointer from NBA range capping a 10-2 run, which gave the Rams a 26-17 lead.

The Indians, who trailed by 16 points (36-20) at the start of the second half, managed to close the gap to 36-28 with 3:05 left in the quarter by scoring eight unanswered points.

Junior guard John Soltys (7 points) began the spurt by knocking down a 3-pointer from the left corner. Then junior forward Keith Smith (10 points) followed with an old fashion three-point play and another inside hoop. Smith scored five points in each half.

The Rams entered the final eight minutes of regulation holding a 40-30 lead.

They also held the lead at the start of the fourth quarter in the first meeting, but the Indians made a comeback in that game and came very close to taking the lead.

“I just kept reminding my players to continue playing hard in the final quarter,” Sheehan said. “Ware never quits and they just keep coming after you.”



John Soltys goes in for a layup.

The Rams did manage to keep the double digit lead the rest of the way in last Wednesday’s contest.

Breault sealed the deal for the visiting team by making three 3-pointers in a row, which increased the lead to 57-36 with 1:51 remaining on the scoreboard clock.

“I was cold offensively until the fourth quarter when I finally made a couple of shots,” Breault said. “My 3-pointers put the game away and it feels great to sweep the season series against Ware.”

At that point, Rich decided to put his reserve players into the game.



Dillon Slattery drops in two.

“This is a frustrating and disappointing loss for us,” said Rich following the senior night setback. “Granby played very well in tonight’s game and they deserve a lot of credit. It’s a very good learning experience for my team.”

Berthiaume, a guard, did give the home fans something to cheer about when he made a 3-pointer from the left side with less than a minute remaining in the game.

The bus ride home was a very enjoyable one for the Granby players.

public safety

Ware Police Log

Thursday, Feb. 6
9:52 a.m. Ambulance Request Malboeuf Road – Services Rendered
10:14 a.m. Fraud Woodland Heights – Investigation Pending
11:27 a.m. Fraud Kingsberry Lane – Services Rendered
12:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered
1:07 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
2:41 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering West Main Street – Services Rendered
2:49 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Chestnut Street – Services Rendered
3:24 p.m. Accident, Vehicle East Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Under \$1,000
4:20 p.m. Harassment Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered
5:33 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
10:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Willow Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Friday, Feb. 7
6:06 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
9:46 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
9:46 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
10:27 a.m. Vandalism West Main Street – Investigation Pending
10:51 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call South Street – Services Rendered
12:17 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
1:17 p.m. Ambulance Request West Main Street – Services Rendered
8:10 p.m. Ambulance Request Vigeant Street – Services Rendered
8:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge

Saturday, Feb. 8
9:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street –

Written Warning
10:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Church Street – Written Warning
2:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
5:24 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Monson Turnpike Road – Written Warning
5:56 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Referred to Other Agency
6:25 p.m. Vandalism Park Street – Services Rendered
11:05 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered

Sunday, Feb. 9
2:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
8:52 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
9:33 a.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
9:35 a.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Referred to Other Agency
11:03 a.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered

Monday, Feb. 10
2:07 a.m. Town By-Law Violation North Street – Citation Issued
2:16 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Cottage Street – Citation Issued
4 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Pulaski Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
5:55 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
6:31 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
7:57 a.m. Alarm Burglar Greenwich Plains Road – Services Rendered
11:03 a.m. Fraud Valley View – Services Rendered
1:48 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
3:08 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Street – Services Rendered
4:15 p.m. Fraud Robbins Road – Services Rendered
5:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued

Tuesday, Feb. 11
1:53 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning
2:55 a.m. Town By-Law Violation Aspen Street – Citation Issued
4:52 a.m. Alarm Burglar Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
5:40 p.m. Silent, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation East Street – Written Warning
10:56 a.m. Ambulance Request Walker Road – Services Rendered
11:35 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
4:25 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report Coffey Hill Road – Services Rendered
6 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation North Street – Citation Issued
6:07 p.m. Fraud Vigeant Street – Advised Contact Police If Repeated

Wednesday, Feb. 12
6:12 a.m. Ambulance Request Oak Ridge Circle – Referred to Other Agency
7:52 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Main Street – Citation Issued
9:48 a.m. Accident, Vehicle North Street – Investigation Pending
2:34 p.m. Officer Wanted Church Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
5:47 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Referred to Other Agency
5:49 p.m. Burglary/Breaking and Entering Belchertown Road – Arrest, Felony Charge
5:56 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
6:19 p.m. Harassment Complaint Ware Road – Services Rendered

Thursday, Feb. 13
2:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Greenwich Plains Road – Referred to Other Agency
7:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Written Warning

Warren Police Log

Sunday, Feb. 9
12:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop A Street – Citation Issued
1:44 p.m. Prisoner Watch C-3 – Transported to Hospital
3:59 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency O’Neil Road – Transported to Hospital
6:35 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Old West Warren Road – Officer Advised

Monday, Feb. 10
6:01 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
3:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued
4:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Criminal Complaint
Summons: Elizabeth J. Meub, 31, Warren
Inspection/Sticker, No; Uninsured Motor Vehicle/Revoked; Unregistered Motor Vehicle
5:37 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Coy Hill Road – Transported to Hospital

Tuesday, Feb. 11
10:28 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency North Street – Transported to Hospital
12:40 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Old West Warren Road – Transported to Hospital
5:13 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
6 a.m. Fraud Main Street – Report Filed
7:21 p.m. Serve Warrant Mill Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Thomas F. O’Connell Jr., 35, Warren
Warrant
Summons: Thomas F. O’Connell Jr., 35, Warren

Disturbing the Peace, Subsequent Offense c272 §53; Disorderly Conduct, Subsequent Offense c272 §53
8:59 p.m. Serve Warrant Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Brian S. Odell, 45, Warren
Warrant
10:37 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Referred to Other Agency
11:07 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital

Wednesday, Feb. 12
11:07 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Milton O. Fountain Way – Transported to Hospital
4:26 p.m. Serve Warrant Milton O. Fountain Way – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Richard H. Henry, III, 36, West Brookfield
Warrant
8:51 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
11:20 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency South Street – Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, Feb. 13
4:12 p.m. Property Damage School Street – Report Filed

Friday, Feb. 14
3:06 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
3:40 p.m. Assault Old West Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party
5:11 p.m. Identity Theft Milton O. Fountain Way – Information Given
8:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning

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8:55 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred

Saturday, Feb. 15
9:18 a.m. Fire, Chimney Keys Road – Fire Extinguished
3:12 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
4:20 p.m. Vandalism Cronin Road – Officer Spoke to Party
7:58 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
8:21 p.m. Fire, Drug Overdose Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital
9:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Citation Issued

Sunday, Feb. 16
12:13 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Maple Street – Transported to Hospital
1:13 a.m. Parking Violation Main Street – Citation Issued
1:16 a.m. Parking Violation Spring Street – Citation Issued

Behind the Lines in Ware

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

Teens charged in park

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, around 2:30 p.m., a caller requested two officers to come to Grenville Park to speak to two 16-year-olds teenagers who threw a barrel into the Ware River and are now running towards the second baseball diamond. Officers responded on scene and the teenagers continuously ran from them. As one officer hid in the woods, the other was able to lead them lead them to the first office and take them into custody. Ware Police report the teens are facing possible charges of defacing property, disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace, and possession of class D.

Woman taken to hospital

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 6 p.m., a woman called requesting an ambulance because “her stove fell over on her and there was boiling water on the stove at the time.” She was complaining of a leg injury and burns to her leg. Ware Fire Department responded on scene and reported the oven had tipped over onto her. She was transported to Mary Lane for treatment.



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Ware Arrests

By Melina Bourdeau
Correspondent

WARE – From Thursday, Feb. 6 through Feb. 13, Ware Police arrested seven people.

Jessica Tyler, 27, 152 West Main St., Ware, was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 6, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for operating under the influence, operating under the influence of alcohol and possession of an open container in a motor vehicle.

Heidi Greenwood, 39, of 258 Wickaboag Valley Road, West Brookfield, was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 6 on charges of subsequent possession of class B drugs and operating under the influence of drugs.

Megan Sullivan, 32, of 121 North Main St., Belchertown, was arrested on Thursday, Feb. 6, on charges of possession of class B drugs.

Michael Murphy, 57, of 31 Aspen St., Ware, was arrested on Friday, Feb. 7, on a default

warrant, a warrant and a charge of operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

Bruce Casey, 56, of 250 West St., Ware, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 8, on charges of third offense of driving under the influence of alcohol, uninsured motor vehicle and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Shawn Pafumi, 28, of 45 Eastern Ave., Chicopee, was arrested on Monday, Feb. 10, on charges of a second offense of operating under the influence of alcohol, negligent operation of motor vehicle, subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, using a motor vehicle without authority and speeding.

Mark Bousquet, 39, of 222 Belchertown Road, Ware, was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 12, on charges of breaking and entering during the daytime for a felony and larceny over \$1,200.

Gas prices decrease three cents

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts are down three cents this week, according to AAA Northeast.

AAA Northeast’s Feb. 17 survey of prices in Massachusetts finds self-serve, regular unleaded averaging \$2.44 per gallon. Massachusetts’s price is 1 cent above the national average of \$2.43. A year ago at this time, the average price in Massachusetts was 9 cents lower at \$2.35 per gallon.

“Prices locally are already down 10 cents from just the start of the year,” said Mary Maguire, director, public and legislative affairs. “Continued strong supplies and less, wintertime, demand, is a good sign for motorists heading into the second half of February.”

The range in prices in the latest AAA survey for unleaded regular is 86 cents, from a low of \$2.19 to a high of \$3.05. AAA advises

motorists to shop around for the best prices in their area. Please remember to slow down and move over for any emergency vehicles on the side of the road.

Today’s local self-serve gas prices and their ranges are as follows: \$2.44 (\$2.19-\$3.05) regular unleaded, \$2.78 (\$2.49-\$3.19) midgrade unleaded, \$2.95 (\$2.69-\$3.45) premium unleaded and \$2.94 (\$2.69-\$3.29) diesel.

People may find the most up-to-date local gas prices with the AAA Fuel Finder by logging onto AAA.com and clicking on Gas Saving Tips and Tools.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with 64 offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance and auto-related services.

AIC to offer cannabis degree

SPRINGFIELD– American International College will offer a master’s degree in science in cannabis science and commerce beginning fall semester 2020, the first of its kind in this region.

The 30-credit, hybrid graduate program is designed for individuals interested in a career in the cannabis industry and will provide students with an understanding of the science, business, and legal issues associated with the cannabis industry. The program offers education in the areas of basic science including chemistry, horticulture, cultivation, uses, and delivery systems; business management, marketing, and operations; and federal and state laws and policies.

According to a March 2020 jobs report issued by Leafly, the world’s largest cannabis website, over the past four years, legal cannabis supports nearly a quarter of a million jobs. That equates to a 15 percent annual uptick in employment. The multi-billion dollar cannabis industry continues to be the single greatest job creation engine nationally, growing

at a faster rate than any other industry in the same timeframe.

In the Northeast, Massachusetts is among the top 10 states across the county where cannabis jobs exist. Moreover, reported retail sales to the Cannabis Control Commission were \$420 million in 2019. Smaller markets like Maine and Vermont, that previously legalized recreational marijuana without allowing sales, may finally see regulated stores open in the coming year. Nonetheless, in Vermont, the medical marijuana industry realized \$14 million in sales with nearly 300 jobs last year. Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island all have medical marijuana dispensaries. With 14 dispensaries statewide, Connecticut served nearly 40,000 patients with estimated sales approaching \$60 million, supporting nearly 1,400 jobs. New Hampshire also realized growth, albeit on a smaller scale, with a \$22.5 million market and more than 400 jobs. Rhode Island has posted a nearly 50 percent year-over-year growth topping \$50 mil-

lion with more than 1,000 jobs.

AIC’s Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mika Nash, EdD, said, “American International College is excited to introduce a graduate level program that offers courses focused on developing business acumen in a field that is experiencing a meteoric rise. AIC is positioning itself to be an educational leader in this flourishing industry in order to ensure our students have job opportunities upon graduation.”

With medical marijuana legal in 33 states and Washington D.C., and recreational marijuana now legal in 11 states and the nation’s capital, The U.S. Cannabis Report 2019 Industry Outlook, projects annual sales of medical and recreational cannabis will continue to rise over the next several years, reaching nearly \$30 billion by 2025. Both nationally and regionally, this rapidly emerging market offers burgeoning employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for the future.

For more information about this degree go online to www.aic.edu/cannabis.

Register for ‘Mini Medical School’ spring semester

SPRINGFIELD – Baystate Medical Center’s Mini Medical School begins on March 19 offering participants the opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the field of medicine with professors from the teaching hospital.

Mini Medical School offers area residents an inside look at the expanding field of medicine – minus the tests, homework, interviews and admission formalities.

Baystate’s Mini Medical School program is an eight-week health education series featuring a different aspect of medicine each week. Classes this spring will include sessions on various medical topics such as surgery, neurosurgery, genetics, pathology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and heart and vascular care.

While it is not difficult to be accepted into the program, slots are limited and early registration is recommended.

Many of the “students,” who often range in age from 20 to 70, participate due to a general interest in medicine and later find that many of the things they learned over the semester are relevant to their own lives. The goal of the program, offered in the comfortable and friendly environ-

ment of the hospital’s Chestnut Conference Center, is to help members of the public make more informed decisions about their health care while receiving insight on what it might be like to be a medical student.

Baystate Medical Center is the region’s only comprehensive teaching hospital and each course is taught by medical center faculty who explain the science of medicine without resorting to complex terms.

All classes are held Thursday nights starting at 6 p.m. and run until 8 or 9 p.m., depending on the night’s topic. No basic science knowledge is needed to participate. Each participant is required to attend a minimum of six out of eight classes in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Among the topics and speakers slated for the spring semester are:

March 19 – “Hey, I Finally Got into Medical School!” with Dr. Kevin Hinchey, chief education officer, Baystate Health, and senior associate dean for Education at the University of Massachusetts Medical School – Baystate, includes a general tour of the medical center.

March 26 – “Pathology” with Dr. Wayne H. Duke, vice

chair, Department of Pathology, includes tour of the lab.

April 2 – “Heart & Vascular” with Dr. Aaron Kugelmass, vice president and medical director, Heart & Vascular Program, and chief, Division of Cardiology.

April 9 – “Obstetrics and Gynecology” with Dr. Heather Sankey, chair, Obstetrics and Gynecology

April 16 – “Surgery” with Dr. Neal Seymour, chief, General Surgery Division, includes a tour of Chestnut Surgery Center, Baystate Simulation Center and Goldberg Surgical Skills Lab

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obituaries

Adelaide M. Brzycki

WARE – Adelaide M. (Steinbach) Brzycki, 88, of Ware, died on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2020, at Baystate Wing Hospital.

She leaves her daughter, Maryfrances A. Harper, of Ware; three grandchildren, Melissa Pariseau and her husband, Dennis, William J. Harper, and his wife, Courtney, and Daniel Brzycki; three great-grandchildren, Grace Harper, William Harper and Bryce Pariseau. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Jeanne Brzycki. She was predeceased by her husband in 2013, and her two sons, Edward and Lawrence Brzycki. She

was born in Philadelphia, daughter of the late Frank and Francis (Gregory) Steinbach.

Adelaide worked as an instructor at the former Belchertown State School for 25 years. She then worked in the cafeteria in Ware High School for several years before retiring.

A funeral Mass for Adelaide will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m. in All Saints Church, 17 North St., in Ware. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery following

the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to WARE Making the Bells Ring, payable to the Town of Ware, and mailed to: Town of Ware, Attn: Bells, Ware Historical Commission, 126 Main St., Ware, MA 01082.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com.



Mary E. Cappe

WARE – Mary E. (Magner) Cappe, 90, formerly of Plainville, Connecticut, died on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020, at her home with her family by her side.

She leaves her son, John A. Cappe, and his wife, Julianne, of Ware; her grandson, Conor Cappe; sister-in-law, Corona Magnier, and brother-in-law, Michael Kopeski, and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 56 years, Godfrey Cappe, in 2012, and their daughter, Mary Anne (Cappe) Levandowski, in 2009. She also leaves many close friends and neighbors from Connecticut. She was born in, and grew up in Pascoag, Rhode Island, the daughter of the late John and Eugenie (Gaugher) Magnier.

Mary earned her master of education degree from the

University of Connecticut. She worked in social care for various agencies including the Veteran's Administration, several school systems and the Enfield Connecticut Police Department. She later became a travel agent because of her love of traveling and adventure.

Mary loved traveling and explored the world with her husband, Godfrey, filling up the visa pages in her passport before they ever expired. She enjoyed spending time at Mohegan Sun and playing poker there up until a few years ago.

The family would like to thank her caregivers Dianne Maxwell, Linda Lechowicz and Jeffrey

Wood, who became family.

A funeral Mass for Mary will be held on Friday, February 21, at 10 a.m., at the Church of Saint Patrick, 110 Main St., in Farmington, Connecticut. Burial will be in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, Connecticut, following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 100 North Parkway, Worcester, MA, 01605, www.alz.org or On-Site Academy, P.O. Box 448, Westminster, MA, 01473, www.onsiteacademy.org.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.



Jeannette D. Jamilowski

WARE – Jeannette D. (Mazur) Jamilowski, 96, of Ware, died on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at Heritage Hall West in Agawam.

She leaves her daughter, Linda A. Jamilowski, of Ware. She was predeceased by her husband, John, in 2018, as well as her five brothers and one sister. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Wojciech J. and Mary A. Mazur, and was a life-long resident of Ware.

Jeannette worked in the cafeteria at the former St. Mary's School, and then in the Ware Public

Schools. She was a huge fan of the Red Sox, and loved flowers, with gladiolas being her favorite. Many memories were made during visits to Cape Cod and while doing one of the things she enjoyed so much, relaxing on the beach.

Jeannette was a former member of St. Mary's Church in Ware.

A funeral Mass for both Jeannette and John will be held on Monday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church, 60 South

St., in Ware. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery following the Mass. Calling hours will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m., in Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, 60 South St., Ware, MA 01082.

An online guest book is available at charbonneaufh.com



Tri-Parish Church news

Tri-Parish hosts "fellowship" supper

NEW BRAINTREE — The Tri-Parish Community Church had its monthly "Fellowship Luncheon" with chili by Susan Kallander. It was cold on the outside, but warm on the inside with Valentine's decorations and lots of homemade desserts. The March 21 Fellowship supper will be at 5 p.m. with corned beef and cabbage at the New Braintree Congregational Church. Homemade breads and desserts are welcome but not necessary to participate in the meal. All are welcome.

Ridge Shinn guest speaker Feb. 23

NEW BRAINTREE — The Tri-Parish Community Church's Sunday, Feb. 23 guest speaker will be Ridge Shinn at 10 a.m. at the New Braintree Congregational Church. Fellowship time will follow the service. For more information, people may visit triparishcommunitychurch.com.

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Ginger L. (Moryl) Lynch

NEW BRAINTREE – Ginger L. (Moryl) Lynch, 52, passed away unexpectedly in Baystate Memorial Hospital after being stricken ill.

She leaves her son, Derek J. Carroll, and his wife, Ashley, of Gilbertville, her father; Donald J. Moryl, of Gilbertville, her mother; Virginia L. Roadcap, of Middleburg, Pennsylvania, her sister; Melissa A. Nimtz, and her husband, Jason, of New Braintree, and was predeceased by her sister, Jennifer L. Howe, of New Braintree, in May of 2019. She leaves her nephew, Joshua Howe, and her niece, Gabrielle Nimtz, both of New Braintree. Ginger also leaves her partner with whom she lived, Kenneth Howe, and his daughters, Jacqueline and Emily.

Ginger was a graduate of Quabbin Regional High School. She worked many years for the VNA, she worked at West Brookfield Family Practice, Baystate Hospital Oncology



Death notices

Brzycki, Adelaid M. (Steinbach)
Died Feb. 16, 2020
Funeral Mass Feb. 25, 2020
All Saints Church
Ware

Cappe, Mary E. (Magner)
Died Feb. 6, 2020
Funeral Mass Feb. 21, 2020
Church of Saint Patrick
Farmington, Connecticut

Jamilowski, Jeannette D. (Mazur)
Died Feb. 14, 2020
Funeral Mass Feb. 24, 2020
St. Mary's Church
Ware

Lynch, Ginger L. (Moryl)
Died Feb. 9, 2020
Burial will be private at the convenience of the family

Department and most recently for Howe Farm and Garden in Paxton.

Ginger loved the beach, she enjoyed working in her flower gardens, she enjoyed spending time with her family, and mostly, she loved her son, Derek.

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Appointments can be scheduled at either the Pastor's office or at your home when needed. Please contact Pastor Deb to make arrangements. debasheps@aol.com or (413)478-0731. Beginning 7/6 our Worship Service move to The First Universalist Church of Hardwick through the end of the year. From 7/6 - 8/31 Worship will begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

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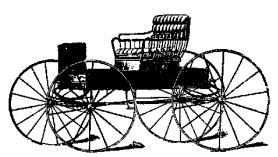
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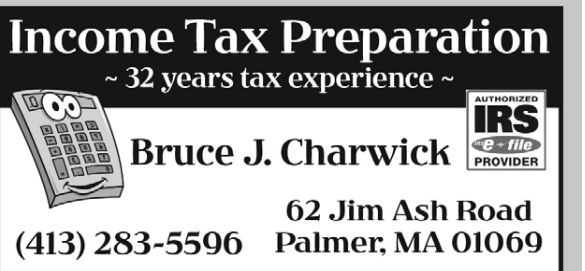
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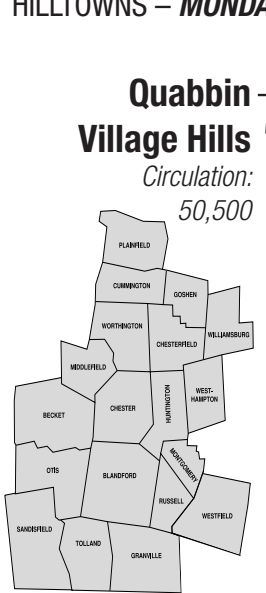
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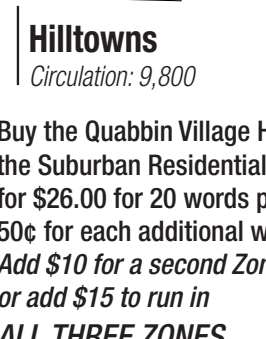
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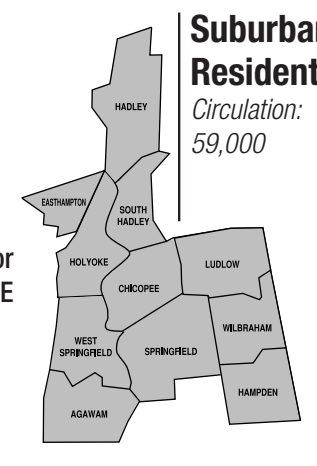
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Premises: 59-63 Pulaski Street, Ware, Massachusetts

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Zbigniew Borkowski and Hanna Borkowski** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for First National Bank of Arizona and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-25XS, said mortgage dated May 30, 2003, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 7230, Page 169, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated September 17, 2010, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 10306 at Page 343, as affected by an Assignment of Mortgage dated May 22, 2017, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 12631 at Page 113, as affected by Corrective Assignment of Mortgage dated January 26, 2018, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 12890 at Page 286, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on **March 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Water Street (now Pulaski Street) in said Ware, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the Lot formerly of William and Mary Kelley, on the northerly side of Water Street (now Pulaski Street);

thence easterly on Water Street (now Pulaski Street) about sixty-one and one-half

(61 1/2) feet to land formerly of Mary Shea; thence northerly on land formerly of said Shea about one hundred twenty-two

(122) feet to land of Town of Ware, known as the Town Hall Lot; thence westerly on said Town Hall Lot about fifty-six and one-half (56 1/2) feet to land formerly of William and Mary Kelley;

thence southerly on land formerly of William and Mary Kelley about one hundred twenty-two (122) feet to the place of beginning.

Also granting the right to use of a certain well subject to the same conditions contained in a deed of the George H. Gilbert Mfg. Company to Mary and Ellen M. Sullivan, dated September 2, 1886.

Subject to an easement to First Unitarian Church of Ware as described in a deed from the said Adam Koniecy to it, dated June 22, 1921, and recorded in said Registry, Book 822, Page 360.

Subject to an easement to the Town of Ware recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 1507, Page 102.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated May 30, 2003, and recorded in Book 7230 at Page 167 with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold

and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within forty five (45) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
275 West Natick Road, Suite 500
Warwick, RI 02886

Attorney for U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Securities Corporation Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2003-25XS
Present Holder of the Mortgage
Telephone: (401) 234-9200
MLG File No.: 17-18882
2/20, 2/27, 3/05/2020

(SEAL)
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT 20 SM 000512 ORDER OF NOTICE
To: **Bryan A. Colapietro**
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. c. 50 §3901 (et seq)
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property

in Ware, numbered 16 Greenwich Plains Road, given by Bryan A. Colapietro to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Academy Mortgage Corporation, dated November 30, 2011, and recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 10735, Page 136, as modified by a certain modification agreement dated December 18, 2017, and recorded with said Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12860, Page 303 and now held by the Plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **March 16, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of noncompliance with the Act.

Witness, Gordon H. Piper, Chief Justice of this Court on January 30, 2020.

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder 18480
2/20/2020

Legal Notice of Request for Determination of Applicability MA Department of Conservation and Recreation Quabbin Park Cemetery Belchertown Road (Route 9) Assessor's Map 64, Lot 1-A

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at 7:00 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, for the proposed demolition of two outbuildings and restoration work on facilities servicing the Quabbin Park Cemetery on Belchertown Road (Route 9). Said hearing will be held in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413.967.9648 x117.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org> 2/20/2020

LEGAL NOTICE MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Marc Lavallee** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, acting solely as a nominee

for Quicken Loans Inc., dated April 11, 2017 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 12593, Page 279 (the "Mortgage"), as affected by a Loan Modification Agreement dated November 6, 2018, and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13140, Page 116 of which mortgage Quicken Loans Inc is the present holder by Assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS") as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. to Quicken Loans Inc. dated August 7, 2018 and recorded at said Registry of Deeds in Book 13063, Page 1, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at 21 School Street, Ware, MA 01082 will be sold at a Public Auction at **12:00 PM on March 19, 2020**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land situated on the southerly side of School Street in Ware, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin in the ground at corner of land formerly of one Tyler;

thence northeasterly seventy-five (75) feet along the line of land of said School Street to an iron pin in the ground at land of the Ware High School, so-called;

thence southerly along the line of land of said Ware High School one hundred twenty (120) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

thence westerly forty-nine (49) feet to an iron pin in the ground;

thence northerly along line of land formerly of said Tyler eighty-seven and two tenths (87.2) feet to the place of beginning.

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The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.

Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time

and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or by certified check in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the offices of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 900 Chelmsford Street, Suite 3102, Lowell, MA 01851 or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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USDA announces sign-up for Conservation Stewardship Program

AMHERST — The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that the next deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2020 is March 20. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest up to \$725 million nationwide for new enrollments and contract extensions in fiscal year 2020.

"CSP continues to be a very effective tool for private landowners working to achieve their conservation and management goals," said

Dan Wright, NRCS Massachusetts State Conservationist. "It is the largest conservation program in the United States with more than 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled."

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by March 20 to ensure their applications are considered for 2020 funding.

The 2018 Farm Bill made several changes to this critical conservation program, which helps agri-

cultural producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level. NRCS is authorized to accept new CSP enrollments from now until 2023. Some important improvements to the program include:

NRCS now enrolls eligible, high ranking applications based on dollars rather than acres. For fiscal 2020, NRCS can spend up to \$725 million in the program, which covers part of the cost for producers implementing new conservation activities and maintaining their existing activities.

Higher payment rates are now available for certain conservation activities, including cover crops and resource conserving crop rotations.

CSP now provides specific support for organic and transitioning to organic production activities, and a special grassland conservation initiative for certain producers who have maintained cropland base acres.

CSP is offered through continuous sign-ups. The program provides many benefits including increased crop yields, decreased inputs,

wildlife habitat improvements and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, non-industrial private forest land and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of a tribe.

For more information and to apply, people may contact their local USDA-NRCS office:

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Lot 1, Fiskdale Road, Brookfield
Build your dream home on this beautiful Country lot on 4.7 acres of land with approx. 412 sq ft of frontage on Rice Pond (Mill Pond)!!! Land survey has been done!! This location is close to the town center, schools, shopping and minutes to access major commuting highways!! Come take a look!

NEW LISTING

54 Fiskdale Road, Brookfield (Lot 2)
Build your dream home on this beautiful Country lot on 3.5 acres of land with approx 1,173 sq ft of frontage on Rice Pond (Mill Pond)!!! Perc test and land survey have been done!! This location is close to the town center, schools, shopping and minutes to access major commuting highways!! Come take a look!

NEW LISTING

Your chance to own Lots 1 and 2, Fiskdale Rd, Brookfield

Have this parcel of land ready to build on this spring! Make an offer! Contractors/Builders, great opportunity to build on land with potential to subdivide into two lots. Cost effectively build two houses at once eliminating extra mobilizing and start up costs and let the savings increase your profits. Build your dream home on this beautiful Country lot on 8.2 acres of land with frontage on Rice Pond (Mill Pond)!!! Both lots total. Approximately 357,191 square feet of land. Lot 2 is perc tested, and land survey has been done!! This location is close to the town center, schools, shopping and minutes to access major commuting highways!! Come take a look!



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